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## Aviator aboard Kitty Hawk downed by Patriot missile during '03 invasion

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**Kyle Shimabukuro, top, of the host Yokota Panthers, pins Kiko Bratcher of the American School in Japan Mustangs in the 141-pound consolation bracket Saturday during the 2004 Yokota High School Wrestling Invitational Tournament.**

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Peterson trial:** Jurors in the Scott Peterson murder trial were sequestered in a hotel Saturday after the judge agreed they could take the weekend off from their sentencing deliberations. They resume their work Monday.

The six men and six women in Redwood City, Calif., have spent 8½ hours since Thursday deciding whether the former fertilizer salesman should live or die for killing his pregnant wife, Laci, and the 8-month-old fetus she was carrying.

**Jackson molestation case:** Fingerprints belonging to both Michael Jackson and the boy accusing him of child molestation were found on pornographic magazines seized from Jackson's Neverland ranch last year, the Santa Barbara News-Press reported Saturday, citing sources it did not identify.

If the reported evidence is admitted during Jackson's trial, prosecutors would be expected to argue that the fingerprints were proof that Jackson showed the boy pornographic literature before molesting him. But the defense could question whether the entertainer knew the boy had been leafing through the magazines.

**D.C.-area snipers:** A judge in Seattle has signed off on a \$2.5 million settlement between relatives of Washington, D.C.-area sniper victims and a gun shop and weapon maker connected to the shootings.

In the settlement reached in September, Bull's Eye Shooter Supply of Tacoma agreed to pay \$2 million to two survivors and six families related to the victims of snipers John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo. Gun manufacturer Bushmaster Firearms of Windham, Maine, agreed to pay the remaining \$500,000.

**Puerto Rico governor race:** Puerto Rico has been wrangling for more than a month over the disputed governor's election with no victor in sight, reopening deep divisions over the island's status and sending the fight to U.S. soil.

Arguments are scheduled to begin Monday in the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston on whether the island's Supreme Court or a U.S. district judge should have jurisdiction over thousands of disputed ballots that favor pro-commonwealth candidate Anibal Acevedo Vila of Puerto Rico's Popular Democratic Party.

**'Siegfried & Roy' tiger attack:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture has ticketed the company responsible for the exotic animals used in the Las Vegas "Siegfried & Roy"



AUDREY BRUNING/Courtesy to Stars and Stripes

**Multicultural Night:** Dancers from the Yokosuka Knights of Columbus perform a traditional Filipino dance Friday during the Yokosuka Middle School Multicultural Night at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. The event was held to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the base.

show, ending a lengthy investigation into the near-fatal tiger attack on illusionist Roy Horn.

S&R Productions received the citation Dec. 6, more than 14 months after the bloody attack that left Horn partially paralyzed, USDA spokesman Jim Rogers said Friday. Rogers declined to discuss why the company received the citation, but said it does not carry any penalties.

## World

**Myanmar prisoner release:** Myanmar's ruling junta announced Saturday in Yangon that more than 5,000 prisoners have had their sentences suspended and will be freed from various prisons around the country, in the third such release in less than a month.

A brief announcement on the evening news programs of state radio and television said a third batch of 5,070 prisoners whose detentions were ruled irrelevant or improper have had their sentences reduced and will be freed.

**Philippines storm recovery:** Army troops and residents carry relief goods Friday as they walk through debris in the typhoon-ravaged town of Real, Quezon province, east of Manila.

Volunteer rescuers have ended their search for survivors Saturday after finding four people from the rubble of a building

that collapsed after a landslide following a powerful storm that killed 893 people. Officials say 480 still are missing.

## Military

**Mutual fund pressure:** Securities regulators are planning sanctions against a company that sold high-fee mutual funds to military officers, sources familiar with the situation said Friday. Some big fund companies said they may reconsider the "contractual plan" funds.

Earlier this year, House members voiced outrage at sales pressure that some companies have put on military personnel, many of whom are being sent to war zones, to buy what are said to be overpriced, unsuitable mutual funds and life insurance.

**Lyndie England case:** The case against Pfc. Lyndie England, charged with abusing Iraqi detainees at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, will be resolved at Fort Hood, Texas, not Fort Bragg, N.C., the Army said Friday.

The move is being made to bring together several cases stemming from the prisoner abuse scandal, including those of England, Spc. Charles Graner, Sgt. Javal Davis, and Spc. Sabrina Harman, the Army said in a statement.

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## Kinnick holiday concert

**YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan** — Musicians from Kinnick High School will perform their 2005 Winter Concert at 5 p.m. Monday in the Benny Decker Theater.

Members from the beginning, intermediate, advanced and jazz bands will perform holiday music for approximately one hour.

## Trip for kids offered

**SAGAMIHARA HOUSING AREA, Japan** — Pre-kindergarten students from John O. Arin Elementary will take a ride on the "Polar Express" from Dewey Park at Camp Zama to visit and learn about their community.

The trip is sponsored by Camp Zama MWR. Contact Denise Sheedy at DSN 267-6046 or e-mail [Denise.Sheedy@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:Denise.Sheedy@pac.dodea.edu) for information.

## Free lunch buffet

**YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan** — Indiana and Pennsylvania residents who show their state driver's licenses will receive a complimentary All-American Lunch Buffet on Monday at the Enlisted Club. The offer is available to club members only.

Call DSN 227-8820 for more information.

## Roppongi advisory

**TOKYO** — The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo is strongly advising Americans to use caution while visiting Tokyo's Roppongi district following the murder of a U.S. citizen there on Dec. 2, Kyodo News reported.

The warning appears in the embassy's January newsletter, on the embassy Web site under a section labeled "Community Security Update Messages."

The murder took place in an office building within walking distance of the local police station, according to the advisory.

For security updates, visit the embassy's Web site at <http://japan.usembassy.gov/>

## Pet photos with Santa

**YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan** — The Yokota Veterinary Clinic is offering free photos of people's pets with Santa Claus on Wednesday from 8-10:30 a.m. No appointments are necessary.

Digital pictures will be e-mailed to owners at no cost. Donations are accepted and will benefit the Japan District Veterinarian Command Morale Fund.

## Lunch with St. Nick

**MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan** — Club members are invited to have lunch with Santa Claus on Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Torii Hall, 1st Fl., dining room. Call DSN 222-9512 for more information.

## Teen ball at Misawa

**MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan** — Misawa teenagers can enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing at the holiday ball from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the Mokuteki Ballroom. The dress code is no jeans. Tickets must be picked up by Thursday.

Volunteers are needed for decorating. Call DSN 226-4128 for more information.

From staff reports

# New galley serves it up at Atsugi

## Seabee-built facility brings hot meals to outskirts of base

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

**ATSUGI NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan** — Thanks to a new dining hall built from the ground up by Navy Seabees, sailors working in the squadrons far from the center of base no longer have to eat out of a meal-on-wheels truck or hoof it across base for some take-out.

"We've been waiting for it for a while," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Thomas Karsberg with Heli-copter Antisubmarine Squadron 14. "We don't usually get a chance to drive over to the other side."

The East Side Dining opened last week to serve the sailors working in the aircraft squadrons.

Before now, sailors bought sandwiches and burgers to bring back to their squadrons or sent one person out for a food run. The new building provides warm, sit-down meals every day.

"They really appreciate it," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Angel Henzon, a culinary specialist and watch captain.

"They get to sit down and have a hot meal."

The galley serves main courses, desserts and anything available to sailors at the main galley across base — including steak and barbecue ribs, two of the favorites so far, Henzon said. There's a salad bar and a big-screen TV, for added perks.

The nearly 1,800-square-foot building seats about 50. Seabees



MATTHEW SCHWARTZ/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**Carrier Air Wing 5 Commanding Officer Capt. Joseph Aucoin, left, serves dinner to Petty Officer 3rd Class Oscar Barba at the East Side Dining at Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan.**

with the public works office spent a year building the structure.

"We would see them with their plates going back to their workspaces," said Petty Officer 1st Class Howard Robinson, a builder and the project supervisor. "By the time they got there it would be cold."

Seeing the deprived sailors provided encouragement for the Sea-

bees (a play on "CB," for "construction battalion"). Also, they benefited from the experience of building a Japanese structure — using metric measurements — and working with Japanese contractors.

The building is the largest project many of the Seabees have completed and an unusually large one for Navy construction men as-

signed to a public works department. They usually work on small improvements around base.

Those involved said it's likely to be a career highlight.

"They took ownership," said Chief Petty Officer Eric Jovellanos, operations chief for the Public Works Seabees. "They put a lot of their heart into it."

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# Misawa's environmental programs earn awards

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

**MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan** — This northern Japan base's environmental programs are in the running for Defense Department recognition after notching two Air Force awards.

The 35th Civil Engineer Squadron's environmental flight won the prestigious General Thomas D. White Environmental Quality Award in the overseas category. The honor goes to an Air Force base outside the United States demonstrating exceptional environmental achievement. Consideration is given to how the base meets environmental standards and partnerships between the installation and local community, officials said.

"Misawa is a smaller installation in the U.S. Air Force, but we're doing a lot of innovative things here and having a positive

effect on the environment," said Brent Hefty, 35th CES environmental flight chief.

Also winning an individual award was Takeshi Ukon, natural and cultural resources program manager for 35th CES environmental flight. Ukon earned the General Thomas D. White Natural and Cultural Resources Management Award given for individual or team excellence.

Ukon was recognized in part for his cooperation with the Misawa Board of Education in managing and restoring thousands of prehistoric artifacts recovered from excavation sites on base preceding construction projects, according to Hefty.

Thirty-fifth CES officials said it takes a team effort to enhance and protect the environment at Misawa.

"The Air Force, Navy, Japanese civilians, all of us work together to make" the environment

better, said Lt. Col. David Maharrey, 35th CES commander.

"We're part of the bigger community; part of the world. We're trying to do our part."

Some examples of the work the environmental flight was recognized for include: 1, 2002, and Sept. 30, 2004, Oct. 1.

■ Identification and elimination of lead-based paint hazards to children:

Hefty said the 35th CES surveyed child-occupied facilities on base to determine the presence of lead-contaminated paint. Exposure to lead can cause a range of health problems in children. Lead-based paint was found in Zeamer Child Development Center and on some playground equipment at one of the schools, Hefty said. "Immediate action was taken to remove the

lead-based paint and remove the hazard," he said.

■ A \$2.4 million project to repair 79 underground petroleum storage tanks to be in compliance with new Japanese environmental standards.

Single-wall tanks were reinforced with a second tank, and a monitoring system between the two walls was installed to check for liquid and vapor leaks, Hefty said. Double-wall piping also was built into the tanks "so we have some redundancy to protect the environment," he said.

■ The base replaced an incinerator at Misawa Service Operations Center with 11 shredders that turn paper into a powder, saving money and eliminating dioxin emission.

Misawa's 35th CES environmental flight and Ukon will now compete at the DOD level against environmental award winners from other military departments.

Serving as the fourth Air Force chief of staff in 1957, White set the Air Force on a path to support DOD environmental programs, according to DOD.

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Ukon

# Report confirms pilot downed by Patriot in '03

## Kitty Hawk Hornet flying over Iraq misidentified by radar

By THOMAS E. RICKS

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A military investigation has concluded that a "friendly-fire" incident in which USS Kitty Hawk pilot Lt. Nathan White was shot down and killed by U.S. forces during the spring 2003 invasion of Iraq occurred because operators at two Patriot missile batteries and a command center all mistakenly took his F/A-18 Hornet for an incoming Iraqi missile, the U.S. Central Command said Friday night.

The April 2003 incident was one of two during the campaign in which Patriot anti-missile batteries mistakenly hit allied aircraft. In the other, in late March 2003, a Patriot destroyed a British Tornado GR4 fighter-bomber near the border of Iraq and Kuwait, killing two crew members.

The core conclusion of the CENTCOM report, that the Navy jet was downed by Patriot missiles, confirms what was widely believed almost immediately after the incident occurred.

According to the summary released by Central Command, on April 2, 2003, two Navy F/A-18s were near Karbala in central Iraq and heading back to their ship, the USS Kitty Hawk. A Patriot missile battery mistakenly identified the plane as an Iraqi missile

and notified the headquarters for air defense, the Information Coordination Center. The center mistakenly designated the flight path of the Navy jet as a missile track, the report said.

Seconds later, a second battery located closer to the front line of fighting detected the plane and also mistakenly determined it was a missile. The second battery decided that it and the military unit it was defending were the missile's target.

The effect of the corroborating reports made operators at the two batteries and at the command center "increasingly confident that they were all detecting the same hostile missile, that their detection was accurate, and that this missile was a direct threat to U.S. forces," said the summary of the report released Friday night. The command center then ordered that two missiles be launched, it said.

The summary did not explain why operators were fooled, or how they misread radar profiles of planes for those of faster-moving

missiles.

The Patriots that downed White were defending the Army's 3rd Infantry Division around Karbala, which was driving north and about 50 miles from the Iraqi capital.

Navy officials told White's father, Dennis, that the pilot radioed he saw the two missiles launch — a pair of white flashes in his night-vision equipment. White tried to evade them, but in less than 10 seconds they had destroyed his plane, his father said in interviews last year. White's widow, in another F/A-18, returned to the carrier safely.

Nathan White was a graduate of Brigham Young University in Utah, and spent two years as a Mormon missionary in Japan, where he later was based with the Navy.

He was part of the Atsugi-based Carrier Air Wing 5 and flew as part of VFA Squadron 195, one of three Hornet squadrons with the USS Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier.

White is survived by his wife, Akiko, a young daughter and two young sons.

U.S. Central Command officials say Patriots downed at least 10 of the 17 missiles fired at Kuwait. Overall, the United States fired 22 Patriots during the war, White House budget chief Mitchell Daniels told National Public Radio.

During the 1991 Gulf War, the military and Raytheon, the Patriot's manufacturer, also claimed high success rates — up to 80 percent — with earlier versions of the Patriot.

Congress' General Accounting Office later found Patriots intercepted no more than four of 47 Iraqi Scud missiles, a 9 percent success rate. The Pentagon has spent more than \$3 billion improving the Patriots since then.

It took more than 20 months to release the report on White's death because Army Gen. John Abizaid, the chief of Central Command, asked that its findings be reviewed, she said. Frushour said she did not know what the outcome of that review was.

There are no plans to punish the personnel involved in launching the missiles, said Marine Capt. Kelly Frushour, a spokesman for Central Command. "It was determined ... that no disciplinary action was warranted,"



Courtesy to Stripes

Navy Lt. Nathan White was shot down over Iraq in April 2003 by a U.S. Patriot missile, a military investigation confirmed Friday.

she said.

Dennis White said he didn't want punitive action taken.

"It's a heartbreak for us, but I personally do not hold these young men responsible," he said. An Air Force veteran, he added, "I was a combat pilot during the Vietnam War, and I know what the pressures of combat can do."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Stars and Stripes contributed to this report.

# Troops in Iraq, Afghanistan to face increased drug testing

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The military is increasing drug testing of its forces serving in Afghanistan and Iraq, in part out of concern that troops will turn to drugs because of the stress of combat, Pentagon officials said Friday.

Drug use is low in the military and primarily limited to marijuana, said Mary Beth Long, the deputy assistant defense secretary for counter narcotics. She spoke

with the American Forces Press Service, an internal military press service.

But concerns about drug use center on Afghanistan, which has become the world's leading provider of opium since the U.S.-led campaign that drove the Taliban from power three years ago. Opium poppies can be refined into heroin, last year, Afghanistan accounted for 87 percent of the world's opium supply.

"One of the lessons that we have learned from the Soviet occupation of Af-

ghanistan (in the late 1970s through the late 1980s) is that those troops went back to Russia with a drug problem," Long told the news service. "Our forces are obviously very, very different. We certainly have no expectation that they would suffer the same kind of issues."

But the increased stress of serving in combat areas could drive soldiers to readily available drugs, as happened to some during the Vietnam War, officials said.

In March, the Pentagon cited surveys that said 32 percent of troops stationed at home and around the world reported feeling "a lot" of work-related stress. Almost half said they believed their careers would probably or definitely be damaged if they sought mental health counseling.

The survey also found that cigarette smoking and heavy drinking were on the rise in the military. Use of illicit drugs is holding steady, however, far below the rate for civilians.

## 3 years for Iraq killing

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. soldier was sentenced to three years in prison for killing a severely wounded Iraqi teenager, the military said Saturday.

Staff Sgt. Johnny M. Horne Jr., 30, of Wilson, N.C., pleaded guilty Friday to one count of unpremeditated murder and one count of soliciting another soldier to commit unpremeditated murder.

His sentencing includes a reduction in rank to private, forfeiture of wages and a dishonorable discharge.

The charges relate to the Aug. 18 killing of a 16-year-old Iraqi male found in a burning truck with severe abdominal wounds.

A criminal investigator had said at an earlier hearing that the soldiers decided to tell him to "put him out of his misery."

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## Pro-independence parties defeated in Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwan's pro-independence parties were defeated in legislative elections Saturday, a result sure to please Chinese leaders who regard the island as part of the mainland.

The coalition that includes President Chen Shui-bian's party was widely favored to increase its influence over the legislature.

But the three-party opposition, known as the "blue team," rallied, winning 114 of the total 225 seats, the Central Election Commission said. The president's coalition, called the "green team," finished with 101 seats. Independents got 10.

## Japan considers sanctioning N. Korea

TOKYO — Japan's prime minister is considering sanctions against North Korea amid growing anger over Pyongyang's failure to investigate the fate of Japanese kidnapped by the North to train its spies, a top party official said Saturday.

North Korea claims that eight of the 13 Japanese citizens it has admitted to kidnapping in the 1970s and 80s are dead, but has failed to provide convincing proof of the deaths. Many Japanese suspect some of the victims may still be alive.

Tsutomu Takebe, the secretary-general of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's Liberal Democratic Party, indicated that if sanctions were imposed, action would be taken soon.

## Ukraine candidate poisoned

VIENNA, Austria — Dioxin poisoning caused the mysterious illness of Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko, a doctor said Saturday, adding that the poison could have been put in his soup.

Yushchenko is now in satisfactory condition and dioxin levels in his liver have returned to normal. Dr. Michael Zimpfer, director of Vienna's private Rudolf-Heinrichs clinic, said at a news conference.

A series of tests run over the past 24 hours provided conclusive evidence of the poisoning, Zimpfer said.

The 50-year-old opposition leader first fell ill in September and was rushed to the Vienna hospital. He resumed campaigning later in the month but his mysterious illness had left his face pockmarked and aches. Yushchenko also suffered back pain, acute pancreatitis and nerve paralysis on the left side of his face.

## No-confidence vote for Somalia prime minister

NAIROBI, Kenya — Somalia's parliament passed a motion of no-confidence against the country's new prime minister and his Cabinet, effectively ousting the government, an official said.

Some 153 members of the 275-member transitional parliament voted against Prime Minister Ali Mohammed Gedi, accusing him of failing to respect power-sharing arrangements agreed to by warlords and the country's main clans before he named a Cabinet less than two weeks ago, said Dalhar Omar, deputy speaker of the assembly.

The vote effectively sacked a new government that was expected to restore order in the anarchic Horn of Africa nation.

## Arafat's nephew not ruling out poisoning

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat's nephew said Saturday the lack of a clear reason for his uncle's death raised suspicions the Palestinian leader died of "unnatural" causes.

The comments by Nasser al-Kidwa, after he handed over the 558-page medical dossier to Palestinian officials in Ramallah, were certain to fuel speculation that Arafat was poisoned. Arafat died in a French hospital on Nov. 11.

Rumors and speculation among Palestinians and the broader Arab world about Arafat was poisoned could make it more difficult for a new leadership to take control. Palestinian presidential elections are scheduled for Jan. 9.

From The Associated Press

# U.S. offensive under way against Taliban holdouts

By STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Some 16,000 American troops have started a wintering operation against Taliban rebels in Afghanistan, vowing to eliminate insurgents who could threaten parliamentary elections slated for the spring.

The U.S. military said Saturday that it hoped the new freedom, dubbed Lightning Freedom, would convince insurgents to accept an amnesty pushed by President Hamid Karzai that could stabilize the country and allow foreign troops to pull back.

"It's designed basically to search out and destroy the remaining remnants of Taliban forces who traditionally we believe go to ground during the winter months," spokesman Maj. Mark McCann said. "It's going on throughout the country of Afghanistan."

The operation was initiated after Karzai's inauguration Tuesday as the country's first democratically elected president, McCann said. He didn't know exactly when it began and gave no details of any specific moves against militant targets.

However, Maj. Gen. Eric Olson, the No. 2 American commander here, said last month

## Militant group founder captured in Pakistan

By PAUL ALEXANDER

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A man who launched a militant Islamic group to fight U.S. forces in Afghanistan has been arrested in connection with the kidnapping of three U.N. workers there in October, a senior Pakistani Cabinet minister said Saturday.

Syed Akbar Agha, a former Taliban front-line commander in Afghanistan who later founded Jaish al-Muslimeen, or Army of Muslims, was captured in the southern city of Karachi this week, Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said.

"We have arrested the mastermind of the kidnapping of the U.N. workers in Afghanistan," Ahmed said. He gave no other details other than to say the ar-

rest was not announced immediately in hopes that interrogation of Agha would lead to other suspects being taken into custody.

Pakistani security agencies also arrested Abdul Hina Hemat, head of the Taliban's Bakhtar news agency, this week with another person in the southwestern city of Quetta, a Taliban spokesman said by telephone. The Pakistan government had no immediate comment on the claim, and it was unclear if the two arrests were linked.

Agha's kidnappers abandoned their captives unharmed on a street in the Afghan capital, Kabul, on Nov. 23. Afghan officials insist no ransom was paid or any other concessions were made to gain their release.

A senior leader of Agha's group confirmed his arrest.

that the operation would include a redeployment to tighten security on the border with Pakistan and raids by special forces to snatch rebel leaders.

Protecting Afghanistan's young democracy has become

the most urgent priority for American commanders frustrated by their failure to capture al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, who disappeared here after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

# China expresses worry at Japan's plans to ease ban on arms export

The Associated Press

BEIJING — China on Saturday expressed concern at new Japanese defense guidelines that ease a ban on weapons exports and criticized them for describing Beijing as a threat.

"We are deeply concerned with the great changes of Japan's military defense strategy and its possible impact," China's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue was quoted as saying by state media.

China regards Japan as its major rival for status as East Asia's dominant military power and reacts negatively to signs that Tokyo might shed self-imposed postwar limits on military activity.

The guidelines issued Friday ease Japan's ban on

arms exports in order to facilitate a joint missile security program with Washington. But they stress that Tokyo will stick to defense, avoiding offensive military activity abroad.

The report cites threats posed by North Korean missiles and China's military buildup.

Zhang expressed "strong dissatisfaction" with that description.

"This is totally groundless and extremely irresponsible," the official Xinhua News Agency quoted her as saying.

Zhang called on Tokyo to take "prudent actions in military and security issues" in order to maintain regional stability, the China Daily newspaper and other government media reported.

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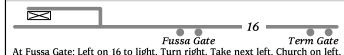
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# Homeland security nominee withdraws bid

## Ex-police commissioner Kerick cites problem with immigration status of former nanny

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER SHRAIDER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bernard Kerick apologized to President Bush on Saturday after questions about the immigration status of a housekeeper-nanny he employed led the former New York City police commissioner to withdraw his nomination as homeland security chief.

"I owe the president an enormous amount of gratitude for this consideration. I owe him a great apology that this may have caused him and his administration a big distraction," Kerick said in a telephone inter-

view from his home in Franklin Lakes, N.J. "I'm going to spend some time with my family. I'm going to work on getting messages out to people close to me who have been supportive, apologizing for the embarrassment," Kerick said.

The surprise withdrawal late Friday sends Bush back in search of a Cabinet official to help guard the country against terrorists.

While assembling paperwork for his Senate confirmation, Kerick said he uncovered questions about the immigration status of a housekeeper-nanny that he employed. As homeland security secretary, Kerick would

oversee the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

"I am convinced that, for personal reasons, moving forward would not be in the best interests of your administration, the Department of Homeland Security or the American people," Kerick said in a letter to Bush.

In an interview, Kerick said that on Wednesday he reviewed financial records "that led me to question the tax filings regarding a housekeeper and nanny that was employed by me in my house, a very nice woman, a very good woman, someone who loves my children and they love her."

By Friday afternoon, Kerick said, "I came to realize that there was not only a problem with the filings, there may have been a question with regard to her legal status in the country."

In the letter to Bush, Kerick said he could not allow personal matters to "distract from the focus and progress of the Department of Homeland Security and its crucial endeavors."

Kerick was among a small group of leaders who became the face of the response to the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, often directing Manhattan's response alongside of then-Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.



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# Survey: U.S. teens hold off on sex

BY CECI CONNOLLY

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — American teenagers are waiting longer to engage in sexual intercourse and an overwhelming majority of those who are sexually active report using contraception, according to a comprehensive government survey released Friday.

The report examining youth behavior found that more young men in particular have postponed sex — 46 percent were sexually active in 2002 compared to 55 percent in 1995 — and 91 percent of males who had sex in the previous three months used contraception.

For the first time since the government began its National Survey of Family Growth in 1973, more girls (47 percent) say they have had sex than boys (46 percent). Girls also report a high use of contraceptives (83 percent).

In many cases, researchers found, teens are using two types of contraception, such as the pill and a condom, in an effort to reduce the likelihood of pregnancy and a sexually transmitted disease such as AIDS.

**"The news is almost all positive. This data clearly underscores teens are being a bit more cautious about sex."**

**Bill Albert**  
National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy spokesman

"The data is almost all positive," said Bill Albert, spokesman for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. "This data clearly underscores teens are being a bit more cautious about sex."

The data comes amid a ferocious debate over the value of abstinence-only education, an approach President Bush has backed with \$170 million in federal funding next year. Friday, both supporters and detractors of abstinence-until-marriage programs claimed the report validated their sharply differing views.

"The messages have been toward protecting yourself against not only pregnancy but also STD transmission," said Joyce Abma, lead author of the report. "There are many female methods that

prevent against pregnancy, but not STDs. Finally, the messages are being picked up and acted upon."

"The really good news is that kids are waiting ... so they can make healthier choices," said Jonen Krauth-Mackenzie, executive director of the Denver-based Abstinence and Relationship Training Center. "Kids are seeing the cause and effect; they know they need to do something to reduce the risk." The next step is to shift the focus from contraception to abstinence, she said.

In preparing its analysis, the National Survey of Family Growth interviewed nearly 3,000 teenagers in one-on-one conversations in the home. Researchers praise the periodic survey as one of the most authoritative sources

on adolescents, in part because it reaches teens in and out of school and measures not only attitudes but specific behaviors.

With the exception of 18- and 19-year-old girls, teens of both genders showed significant declines in early sexual activity. Older girls and black females were the only groups that did not show a drop in sexual activity. At the same time, nearly 10 percent of young women described their first sexual encounter as "non-voluntary."

Hispanic teenagers were the least likely to use contraceptives, and 24 percent of Hispanic girls were likely to give birth before age 20, compared to eight percent of white teens.

Some of the most dramatic improvement has come in the area of teen pregnancy. In 1991, 62 of every 1,000 American females between 15 and 19 gave birth. A decade later, the teen birth rate fell to 45 per 1,000.

Even with such progress, U.S. teen birth rates remain among the highest in the developed world. In 2002, Canada's teen birth rate was 20 per 1,000; in France it was eight per 1,000.

## A look at Thurmond

WASHINGTON — The biracial daughter of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond more than once confronted her father over his racist politics, but cherished their relationship.



Washington-Williams

"For all his bluster, for all his racist campaign posturing, I somehow couldn't dislike him the way I wanted to," writes Eselle Mae Washington-Williams in "Dear Senator," to be released next month.

The daughter of longtime champion of segregation and his family's black maid has refrained from speaking since she revealed the secret of her birth. "Dear Senator," titled after the way she addressed her letters to Thurmond, answers many of the questions about a relationship kept secret for nearly eight decades.

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# The good thief:

Nicholas Cage returns to role of thief for a good cause in 'National Treasure'

BETSY PICKLE

Scripps Howard News Service

In the movies, Nicolas Cage has stolen babies, money and identities. But he was wary at the concept of stealing the country's most prized document in "National Treasure."

"I think the very thing that made me trepidatious [sic] was the same thing that intrigued me, which is the idea of a man going in and stealing the Declaration of Independence," says Cage. "I thought, 'Well this doesn't seem very plausible. How can this actually be pulled off?'"

"I met with [director] Jon Turteltaub,

and he said, 'But that's what's interesting. He's audacious. He's bold.' And [producer] Jerry Bruckheimer always brings in a great group of technical advisers to do the research and try to figure out how to make it, within the context of the film, seem as believable as possible."

In "National Treasure," Cage plays Benjamin Franklin Gates, who's not a thief, but a man carrying a legendary treasure said to have been brought to America and hidden during the Revolutionary War. Ben has devoted his life to his search, following one clue after another.

When the latest lead suggests that a map

to the treasure can be found on the back of the Declaration of Independence, Ben knows he can't just walk into the National Archives and pull the Declaration out of its case to examine it. But he realizes his former partner, Ian Howe (Sean Bean), has no scruples about stealing it, so Ben ends up pilfering the document — during a black-tie event at the Archives — to protect it.

Cage says he can relate to Ben's single-mindedness. "He certainly is a character who is obsessed about this treasure, the marvelous Templar treasure, and has devoted his entire life ... to figure out exactly

what he needs to find it, in the face of great ridicule."

While Cage emphasizes that the movie is fiction, the legend is real. "Several very highly intelligent people who believe it exists have risked their lives looking for this very treasure," he says.

He believes audiences should just sit back and enjoy the ride.

"I think you have to give yourself over to the concept of the movie and go along for the ride, which is what I did," he says. "It has a certain spirit [that is reminiscent of Indiana Jones, but it parts company with Indiana Jones in that there's nothing supernatural about 'National Treasure.'"]

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Norton tells me that the file is in the Windows/Downloaded Programs folder. However, I cannot find it in that folder when I use Windows Explorer, nor can I find it using Start and Search and then plugging in the file name.

So how can I find the file, since Norton keeps telling me it is in my computer?

—Roy Messer (@pachell.net)

A. Did it ever occur to you that Symantec Corp.'s vaunted Norton Antivirus could be wrong? It did not occur to me either, Mr. A. At least that was the case until I hunkered down to research your problem and found that it's bugging a lot of folks.

They all say the antivirus program does a first-rate job of finding this nasty bit of spyware/adware but, like you, they can't find it and delete it.

That's because the authors of this bit of vandalism apparently found a way to use the Windows System Registry to cloak the file so it cannot be found even if users

set their computers to show all hidden and system files and do searches as you did.

Here's the drill for making registry fixes: First, make a backup of this utterly essential Windows file that handles a huge proportion of everything a computer does. Click Start and then Run and type the command regedit to open the registry.

Now look under the File commands for Export and click it to send a copy of the intact registry to your hard drive. If you get in trouble following my advice, you can restore the registry by clicking on that backup icon.

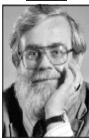
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Using Find Next will take you up to a half-dozen instances of the file in the registry and you will find that each of them has been assigned a value, which you can find by clicking on the entry. Use the edit box this brings up to remove the value, which is a code that hides the files even if your machine is set to find hidden files.

Now go back to the Start/Search button you had been using and search again. This time MediaTicketInstaller.ocx will be visible for deletion.

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## Ask Jim



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## Gift guide for co-workers

## Don't forget etiquette when shopping for office mates

BY MARY ELLEN SLAYTER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sparkly ruby pendant for Mom, check.

Sturdy snow boots for Dad — check.

A copy of your favorite kid's book for your 6-year-old niece — check.

The holiday shopping list looks pretty good so far. Now, what are you getting your boss? Almost half of us plan to give a holiday gift to at least one business associate this year, according to a poll conducted by Harris Interactive Inc. for Office Depot Inc. The survey also found that 90 percent of us are baffled about the etiquette associated with workplace gift-swapping.

We spend so much time with our co-workers, it's not surprising that we wonder if we should get gifts. Food is generally well-received. If you're a good cook, bake a tasty treat. If not, surprise everyone with coffee and pastries from a bakery one afternoon. Besides saving you money, and the time it would take to wrap gifts, this approach has another advantage: If people have diet restrictions due to diabetes or a food allergy, for example — they can simply pass on the offering without making a big fuss.

■ Check the rules. Some organizations have strict regulations about what kinds of gifts their employees can give and receive. In government agencies, this can be a matter of law, and repercussions for violating cost ceilings or reporting requirements can be severe.

■ Give to the group. Instead of individual gifts to your office mates, give something everyone can enjoy. Food is generally well-received. If you're a good cook, bake a tasty treat. If not, surprise everyone with coffee and pastries from a bakery one afternoon. Besides saving you money, and the time it would take to wrap gifts, this approach has another advantage: If people have diet restrictions due to diabetes or a food allergy, for example — they can simply pass on the offering without making a big fuss.

■ Keep it secular. Not everyone is Christian, but people of all faiths will usually welcome a cheerful "Happy Holidays." If you send out greeting cards to colleagues, choose those without an overtly religious message. They may be different from the ones you close friends and family.

■ Nix the "family newsletters." Even if year-in-the-life essays are your favorite holiday tradition, please don't send them to business associates. The contents of such letters usually are of interest only to family members.

■ Forget about booze. What seems like a generous gift to you could be an unfortunate trigger for a recovering alcoholic, or just plain useless to someone who doesn't drink for personal, medical or religious reasons.

■ Keep it modest. Remember, if half of us plan to give gifts, that means the other half do not. People should not feel guilty if they don't have the means or desire to reciprocate. The more expensive the gifts you dole out, the more likely you will make someone in your office uncomfortable.

■ No knickknacks. Please. Most of us can barely see our desks as it is. The last thing we need is another coffee mug, paperweight, clock or pen-and-pencil set.

■ Stick to what you know. Or rather, who you know. If you have never met someone, don't feel compelled to give him a holiday gift.

■ Be inclusive. Publicly anyway. If you plan to give gifts to only a few co-workers with whom you are particularly close, do it outside work.

■ Keep it clean. This should go without saying. Do not consider gag gifts that rely on sexual innuendo or ethnic stereotypes to be funny. Do not give anything that could remotely be considered intimate.

■ Be generous down the chain. Give your assistant or intern at least as nice a gift as the one you give your boss.

## FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

## INDEXES

52-week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% YTD Chg	52-week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% YTD Chg
10,513.52	9,706.43	Dow Jones Industrial	10,542.22	+5.02	+0.05	2,758.05	2,743.45	Dow Jones Transportation	2,758.05	+2.18	+0.08
3,748.05	2,743.45	Dow Jones Industrial	3,748.05	+2.18	+0.08	1,065.36	1,056.36	NASDAQ Composite	1,065.36	+1.06	+0.10
1,065.36	1,056.36	NASDAQ Composite	1,065.36	+1.06	+0.10	1,397.46	1,353.41	S&P 500	1,397.46	+1.06	+0.08
1,397.46	1,353.41	S&P 500	1,397.46	+1.06	+0.08	546.34	540.29	S&P MidCap	546.34	+1.06	+0.08
546.34	540.29	S&P MidCap	546.34	+1.06	+0.08	546.34	512.90	Russell 2000	546.34	+1.06	+0.08
546.34	512.90	Russell 2000	546.34	+1.06	+0.08	110,848.15	102,416.15	D. Wilshire 2000	110,848.15	+1.06	+0.08

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
Most Active (\$1 or more)				Most Active (\$1 or more)				Most Active (\$1 or more)			
Name	Vol	Price	Chg	Name	Vol	Price	Chg	Name	Vol	Price	Chg
Apple	536033	3.80	-0.04	SPDR	49949	119.35	+3.1	SlrSts	932367	19.9	+4.2
Amazon	482676	24.14	-0.4	SPDR	26007	32.19	-0.9	Nasdaq100	103128	38.93	-1.2
Microsoft	13333	32.00	-0.1	GOOG	1000	100.00	-0.1	GOOG	1000	100.00	-0.1
Google	1000	100.00	-0.1	GOOG	1000	100.00	-0.1	GOOG	1000	100.00	-0.1
Facebook	218347	36.09	+6.7	WIIA	50971	10.45	+0.4	MicroSoft	580383	27.08	-1.5
Pfizer	219634	27.69	-0.8	DJIA	56416	3.25	+0.2	MicroSoft	580383	25.76	-0.5
Twitter	1317	74.48	-0.8	S&P500	2000	200.00	-0.1	GOOG	1000	100.00	-0.1
LinkedIn	145065	3.76	-0.07	GOOG	33220	3.10	-0.1	GOOG	143829	14.52	-0.42
Twitter	1317	74.48	-0.8	GOOG	1000	100.00	-0.1	GOOG	1000	100.00	-0.1
Google	1000	100.00	-0.1	GOOG	26364	8.80	-0.1	GOOG	113566	13.28	-0.1
Google	1000	100.00	-0.1	GOOG	1000	100.00	-0.1	GOOG	1000	100.00	-0.1

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS					KEY MUTUAL FUNDS				
Name	Div	FE	LAST	%YTD	Name	NAV	LAST	%YTD	
Airbus Technologies	-	10	63.81	+1.0	Fidelity Investor-Growth	38.00	38.00	+8.0	
Airbus	-	29	44.40	+1.7	Fidelity Investor-Growth	54.84	54.84	+10.0	
Boeing	-	10	52.42	+1.0	Fidelity Investor-Growth	54.84	54.84	+10.0	
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MOVIES • SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	ESNews	Pacific Report	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (CC)			Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (CC)		Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)		Late Show (CC)
7	AFN-AT	(5:45) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	(3:35) Guiding Light (CC)	(1:17) General Hospital (CC)	Headline News (CC)	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Aladdin 'Getting the Bugs Out' (CC)	Chizuko (E) (CC)
8	NEWS	Bulls and Bears	Carveto on Business (CC)	60 Minutes (CC)			Dateline NBC (CC)	Fox and Friends			American Morning	
9	SPORTS	(5:35) Golf Target World Challenge - Final Round. From Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, CA										
10	SPEC	The Simpsons	Everybody Loves Raymond Week of Thanksgiving	For Love or Money (CC)			American Hot Rod 'Kumusta 2' A Swedish intern's burning rivalry triggers an international incident. (CC)	Friends An exchange between Ross and Rachel. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry tries to reveal his feelings. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry is aggravated by a new show. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	
11	AFN-M	SpongeBob	Rugrats (CC)	Lizzie McGuire	Taina 'Sabotage'	Smashville 'Stray' (CC)	Boy Meets World	Boy Meets World	The Cosby Show	Home Improvements	Touched by an Angel 'Chander' (CC)	
12	AFN-TC	Entertainment Tonight (CC)		*** 'American Pie 2' (2001, Comedy) Jason Biggs, (CC)	*** 'What Women Want' (2000, Comedy) Helen Hunt, (CC)	*** 'The Hot Chick' (2002, Comedy) Rachel McAdams, (CC)	*** 'Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit' (1993, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg, (CC)	*** 'The Hot Chick' (2002, Comedy) Rachel McAdams, (CC)	*** 'The Hot Chick' (2002, Comedy) Rachel McAdams, (CC)	*** 'The Hot Chick' (2002, Comedy) Rachel McAdams, (CC)	*** 'The Hot Chick' (2002, Comedy) Rachel McAdams, (CC)	*** 'The Hot Chick' (2002, Comedy) Rachel McAdams, (CC)
14	TMF	(5:35) *** 'Dangerous Minds' (1995, Drama) Michelle Pfeiffer, George Clooney, Courtney B. Vance. A teacher works wonders on a class of educational misfits. (R) (CC)										
24	PBS	(5:00) *** 'The Regans' (2003) Judy Davis, President Reagan, and his wife Nancy share a deep love. (NR)										
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26	A&E	City Confidential A city commissioner is suspected in the deaths of a professor and wife. (CC)										
28	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
29	TF	Wazz Up Wazz Up	Star Circle Guest	Tanging Na								
30	CNN+	Larry King Weekend (CC)		CNN World News	World Sport							
31	GOLF	(5:50) European PGA Golf dunnih championship - Final Round. From Male, South Africa.										
32	TLC	Clean Sweep Two Lovebirds, One Messy Neighbor A couple of pack rats make mess. (CC)										
34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Cartoon's Laboratory	Codename: Kids Next Door	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoon	Looney Tunes				
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter 'Legends of the Galapagos' The Invins go to the Galapagos Islands. (CC)										
36	COM	100 Greatest Stand-Ups (Part 1 of 2)										
40	NGC-A	Planet Wild	Wildlife Detectives	Snake Wranglers	Venomous snakes							
41	FOX	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)										
42	SPEK	Remington Steele (CC)										
44	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Featuring Bruce Bruce.										
46	COURT	NYPD Blue 'Along Came Jane's' Spowicz and Soronson investigate the murder of a cop. (CC)										
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus	Friends (CC)	That '70s Show	Everybody Loves Raymond (CC)	Grounded for Life	Becker (CC)	Breaking the Magician's Code	Friends (CC)	That '70s Show (CC)
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls A winning triplet's love's lost. (CC)										
51	ABCFAM	7th Heaven 'That Touch of Bink' Mike Harris is enlisted to help raise money to the church's fallen. (CC)										
53	HIST	True Action Adventures Resistant Japanese soldiers. (CC)										
57	STR-M	(5:30) *** 'The 6th Man' (1997, Comedy) Kaden Richmond, David Paymer. A ghost helps his dangerous brother take his last stand. (CC)										
58	ADV 1	Quest for K2 Into the Danger Zone The Adventure - A trip to Mount Asia, Europe's most active volcano.										
59	MTV	Viva La Bam	Viva La Bam	Direct Effect								
60	NICK	Justice/SpongeBob SquarePants	Justice/The Wild Thornberry	Justice/Godfrey 'Angie' (CC)	Justice/As Told By Ginger	Rugrats Angelica makes Santa quit. (E) (CC)	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	All That	Brooklyn South	Brooklyn South	Figure It Out	Legends of the Hidden Temple

### OKINAWA TV

**Afternoon**  
5:50 News (BBC)

**Evening**  
7:00 News (NHK)  
7:30 News (NHK)

### JAPAN TV-B57

**Morning**  
6:15 NHK Weekly  
6:45 History of FIFA (C)  
7:10 Figure Skating GP Series in Russia: Pairs (C)

8:15 World News Hour  
9:15 World News Hour  
10:15 24 World Documentary: Beyond Hawaii  
11:15 NHK News  
**Afternoon**  
2:15 NHK News on Asia (r)  
2:15 ABC News

3:15 CNN News  
4:15 CNN News Hour  
5:15 Asian News  
**Evening**  
6:15 CNN News  
7:15 News Today: Asia  
8:15 News Today: World  
9:15 CNN News  
10:15 24 World Documentary  
11:15 NFL New York Jets vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

### JAPAN TV-B511

**Morning**  
6:00 Classical Music: Freddy Kempf Piano Recital  
**Evening**  
7:30 NHK News  
8:00 TV Drama: Poi de Carrott

10:00 TV Series: ER (X)  
10:30 U.S. Movie (1357): The Spirit of St. Louis (2:30)

### WOWOW

**Morning**  
7:30 Oswald #4  
7:45 NHK Movie (2021): Anne Frank: The Whole Story (1:35)  
8:00 NHK Movie (2021): Jerry Maguire (2:30)

**Afternoon**  
1:00 NHK Movie: Third Watch (r)  
2:45 U.S. - Multia Movie (2003): Gracie 2 The Grave (1:40)  
3:15 U.S. - Multia Movie (2003): Helen of Troy (Part 1) (1:30)  
4:15 U.S. - Multia Movie (2003): Helen of Troy (Part 2) (1:30)  
5:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola  
6:30 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola  
7:00 NHK Euro 2004 Soccer: Bulgaria vs. Denmark (r)

5:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Keep the Faith, Baby (2:30)

### MTV

**Morning**  
6:00 Wake Up  
7:00 M Sun Friday  
8:00 Top Choice  
9:00 Pure Music  
11:00 mtvIcon: The Cure

**Afternoon**  
12:00 Rocks  
1:00 Classic  
2:00 Top Choice  
3:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 #1-42  
4:00 All the Best of MTV 2004 #1-42  
5:00 All the Best of MTV 2004: The Outbourns Special #1 - 42  
6:00 All the Best of MTV 2004: Artist Special - Mr. Children

6:00 NHK Movie  
7:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super DTV  
8:00 All the Best of MTV Artist Special: Avril Lavigne  
9:00 NHK Movie  
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## OPINION

## In Kuwait, Rumsfeld didn't let his Guard down

In what other country in the world could the secretary of defense be called on the carpet by an enlisted soldier?

"Why do we soldiers have to dig through local landfills for pieces of scrap metal and compromised ballistic glass to up-arm our vehicles?" Spc. Thomas Wilson of the Tennessee Army National Guard asked Donald Rumsfeld, who

stopped to visit the troops in Kuwait [last week] on his way back from the inauguration of Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Wilson's question (which had been suggested by a reporter embedded with the unit) was greeted with shouts of approval and applause from the 2,300 mostly reserve soldiers who had come to hear Rumsfeld speak.

Rumsfeld's response — that the Army is working as fast as it can to put armor on Humvees and larger trucks — is the truth, but is of cold comfort to soldiers who will be moving into Iraq in the next few weeks without it.

"You go to war with the Army you have, not the Army you might

want or wish to have at a later time," a clearly uncomfortable Rumsfeld told Wilson.

Liberals delighted in Rumsfeld's discomfort. "We're used to hearing Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld answer questions about things that went wrong in Iraq by saying they went right," said The New York Times in an editorial.

"When he does that to reporters, it's annoying. When he does it to troops risking their lives in his failed test of bargain-basement warfare, it's outrageous."

Rumsfeld was better received by the troops than news accounts indicated, said a sergeant who was there.

"The mood in the hangar was much more of good will, with soldiers packing around the secretary as if he was a movie star to shake his hand or get a picture at the end," Sgt. Chris Missick said. "I wouldn't translate one very tough question into a grill session."

The Times imputes negligence to Rumsfeld, but the reasons why the 27th Regimental Combat Team of the Tennessee Army National Guard will be moving into Iraq largely without armor for its soft-skinned vehicles long predated the current administration.

The primary reason is that the war in Iraq is very different from the kind of war the Army has been preparing for decades to fight. The war for which the Army had

planned was a war with the Soviets on the central German plain.

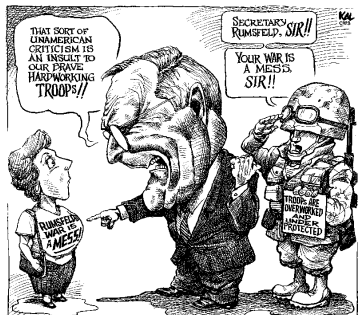
In that war there would be a front line, manned by tanks and armored fighting vehicles, and a rear area, in which trucks would bring beans, bullets and gas to the front-line units.

Before the Iraq war, there were no plans to armor logistics vehicles. But in this war, which the enemy wages largely by attacking convoys with remotely detonated bombs, it is the "rear area" troops who are in the greatest danger.

The Army is trying to adapt to the new reality as fast as it can. Automatic weapons have been mounted on trucks that never carried them before. Support troops are receiving infantry training, something only the Marines had done in the past. And the plants that manufacture kits to armor Humvees and trucks are working overtime to meet the need. But there is a regrettable, but inevitable, lapse of time between when an order is placed and when it can be filled.

The other problem is that in the Army, reserve soldiers have been stepchildren, subsisting, in large measure, on hand-me-downs. The newest equipment goes to the active forces first.

This was a sensible enough distribution of resources when the Reserve and National Guard were standby forces. It's not so sensible when 40 percent of all the troops



serving in Iraq today are reservists, a percentage that could rise to more than 50 percent after the troop rotation scheduled for this summer.

Our heavy reliance on the Guard and Reserve raises more pressing questions than who gets first dibs on new equipment. Future wars are more likely to resemble Iraq than the fight with the Soviets that

never came. There are a lot of things we need to fix with regard to the size, structure, equipping and employment of reserve forces. It's important to do this quickly. It's more important to do it right.

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## Down the road, GIs must be allowed to shoot straight

Somewhere in Iraq today is a U.S. soldier, probably several, who will run for the Senate.

Dozens of American soldiers and Marines, who at this moment are wondering if tomorrow will be the day they are introduced to a sniper's bullet or a roadside bomb, will one day vie for seats in the House of Representatives.

A future presidential candidate might have participated in harrowing door-to-door sweeps during the bloody fight for Fallujah last month.

Their courage and valor will be rightfully extolled. But so will those who are putting their lives on the line in Iraq or earn the right to speak freely about it? Or will America's burgeoning obsession with PC — that's patriotically correct speech — stifle even those whose accounts and opinions of the war will matter most to history because they were acquired firsthand? Will Iraq war veterans be castigated tomorrow for criticizing the war they braved by fighting? I was riveted by the "Six Days in Fallujah" by Knight Ridder reporter Tom Lasserter, who describes in breath-stilling detail the experience of the Army 1st Infantry Division's Alpha Company, led by Capt. Sean Sims, as it prosecuted the battle to subdue the insurgent-controlled Sunni city.

"Sims' men would win the battle," Lasserter wrote, "yet no one would feel like celebrating. Killing the enemy, they learned, was sobering. More so was the loss of friends."

Sims himself did not survive the mission. Experiencing the fear, rage, courage,

heartbreak and camaraderie of war through a reporter's eyes is but one step removed from the most-possible accounts possible — those of the armed forces members themselves. In coming years, we will hear their accounts of Iraq, with all the drama, tragedy, humor, pathos, shock and triumph found in any war.

We also will hear their opinions about the war. Was it done right? Did we have to be there? Was it all worth it? Lasserter's series reminds us that no one can return from war unscarred. Our soldiers and Marines in Iraq will come home with tormented souls, desperate for validation that some greater purpose was served by the killing they had to do, the fear they had to bear, and the death and destruction they had to witness.

Will they be soothed by statistics pronouncements that they were fighting for America's freedom, fighting to defend our nation? Will elections in Iraq — whenever they should occur — reassure them that the

human carnage they experienced was both necessary and worthwhile? Will they be able find a place of serenity within their souls where their wartime deeds will be vindicated by knowledge of a greater good that was served? Or, having personally tasted war — the pathetic frailty of the human body against the material of combat, the acrid odor of expended explosives, the terror of children caught in the crossfire, the death, the death, the death — will they question the justification for it? This is where I ache, in advance, for our fighting men and women.

America's new affinity for patriotic correctness leaves precious little room to publicly question the predetermined components of patriotism — not even by veterans. Even they will be accused of disloyalty if they don't praise the leaders who insisted on war, or fail to agree that any war America fights is righteous and justified.

If a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom says he believes the war was a waste, will he

be smeared by talk-show hosts who never shot at anything more dangerous than a golf green? If a future testifier before Congress tells of atrocities he witnessed in Iraq, will some well-paid political spin doctor later denounce him for turning on his fellow soldiers? Will a future candidate be Kerfuffle by Fallujah Veterans for Truth, who will allege that he or she didn't bleed enough to have earned this, or that medal? A generation from now, we'll be trampling on the memory of Iraq just as we are the history of Vietnam today — particularly if the current war turns out no better.

"Six Days in Fallujah" is a stark reminder that soldiers are not machines or comic-book figures. While they are honor-bound now to follow orders and leave the decision-making to others, that won't always be so. Their time to express their real stories and their true opinions will come. But will we want to hear them?

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## Gay visitation rights

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — A state judge has ruled that two mothers are better than one, but the state appeals court is considering how much protection Utah law provides to gay or unrelated partners raising children related to only one partner.

The dispute between two women arose out of the civil union they entered in Vermont four years ago.

Utah Third District Judge Timothy Hanson awarded visitation rights to one of the women, who says she has become involved in religion and no longer identifies herself as gay.

The couple was joined in a Vermont civil union four years ago, then broke up. The judge ruled a Taylorsville woman has a right to visit the 3-year-old girl.

## Internet schooling

**NH** NEW HAMPTON — Illness has kept him at home, but 11-year-old Zachary Ellis is still going to class.

Zachary, of New Hampton, attends four classes each day with the students at Newfound Memorial Middle School through the use of laptop computers, the Internet and Web-based cameras. Students can hear him ask questions, make comments and see him raise his hand, even though he is sitting in his room at home.

Zachary was diagnosed with autoimmune liver disease and Crohn's disease two years ago. Both conditions deplete the immune system, limiting his interaction with others that may expose him to germs, especially during flu season.

## 8-year-old suspended

**LA** NEW ORLEANS — An 8-year-old girl was suspended for nine days for bringing to school what appeared to be about 30 "Jell-O shots" — though it was unclear whether they contained alcohol.

The incident occurred Nov. 29, as the girl stood after classes outside Geraldine Boudreaux Elementary School in Terrebonne, a New Orleans suburb. A teacher spotted liquid dripping out of the student's bookbag and found what looked like the small cups of alcohol-laced gelatin that are sold in bars, schools spokesman Jeff Nowakowski said.

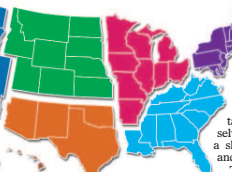
The girl told the principal that her mother, who works in a bar, makes alcoholic shots at home and sells them at work. The fourth-grader said her mother had instructed her to take the shots to school and sell them, three for \$1, to make some money for Christmas, Nowakowski said.

The gelatin was turned over to the sheriff's department for testing to see if it contained alcohol.

## Long way from home

**TX** FLOWER MOUND — Snowbirds from the frigid North are a common sight in Texas, but Carla is a different breed altogether.

A trucker found the 11-year-old mixed breed dog in Amarillo and brought her to a Denton veterinary hospital — 1,600 miles away from



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her Castle Rock, Wash., home. Gail Scott was shocked when the North Texas animal hospital called to say they'd found her dog, who was identified through an implanted microchip.

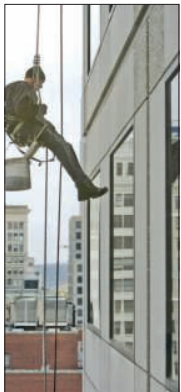
Scott says she believes Carla escaped from her yard the day before Thanksgiving and was picked up by a trucker at a nearby truck stop.

## Ghost for sale

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — A cane that belonged to a 6-year-old boy's grandfather soon will have a new home — and, Colin Anderson hopes, so will his grandfather's ghost.

GoldenPalace.com will add the "ghost cane" to a collection that already includes a grilled cheese sandwich said to bear the image of the Virgin Mary. The Anti-gua-based casino paid \$28,000 last month for the sandwich, which it bought — like the cane — on eBay. "It's just the new Americana thing," said Monty Kerr, a spokesman for the online casino that on Monday offered Mary Anderson \$65,000 for her father's metal walking cane.

Kerr said the cane — which Anderson auctioned to ease her son Collin's fears that his grandfather's ghost was haunting their home in Hobart — likely will go on



## Not afraid of heights

A window washer rappels down the side of a building in Cincinnati.

tour like the famous sandwich.

## Taxi safety

**CA** BALDWIN PARK — The City Council approved an ordinance requiring that taxi drivers protect themselves with safety devices like a shield separating the front and back seats.

The move came after the killing last month of Manuel Arevalo, the fifth cab driver in the city since 2000 to be fatally shot while on the job. Taxis will be required to be equipped with a shield, emergency signal or remote locator system.

## Reward declined

**MO** KANSAS CITY — An anonymous tipster who was eligible to receive a \$40,000 reward for providing information that led to an arrest in a murder case has turned the money down, asking that it go instead to a charity established in the victim's name.

Ali Kemp, a 19-year-old college student, was strangled two years ago while working at a swimming pool in Leawood, Kan., an affluent Kansas City suburb. The widely publicized case generated thousands of leads, yet none of the tips produced an arrest.

But information provided by an anonymous caller led to the arrest last month of Benjamin Appleby, a former resident of the Kansas City area who was captured in Connecticut, where he was living under another name.

Appleby, 29, is charged with capital murder and attempted rape.

He is being held on \$1 million bond.

## Mayor's mail tainted

**NE** LINCOLN — A small amount of potentially dangerous mercury spilled from an anonymous letter sent to the mayor's office, authorities said.

A second mercury-laced letter was sent to the police chief, but was not opened. No injuries resulted from the letters, which were critical of the police department.

The small amount of mercury appeared to have come from a thermometer. Research has shown that excessive exposure to mercury can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and children.

## Drought continues

**AZ** PHOENIX — Cloudy, wet weather has covered Arizona for days, but it won't be enough to break a nine-year drought, said Tony Haffer, meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Phoenix.

The state would need about three times normal rainfall, or about 25 inches in one year, to signal the end of the drought, Haffer said.

## Charter school restriction

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Gov. Don Carcieri announced that he plans to file legislation in the upcoming session of the General Assembly to eliminate restrictions on the number of charter schools allowed in each school district. Carcieri said the caps keep students on waiting lists and out of class.



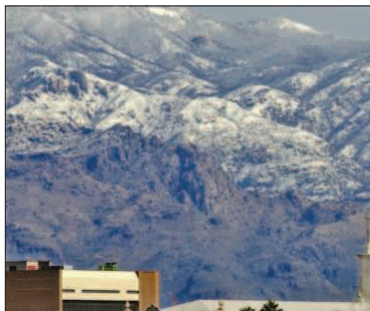
## Wet kiss

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay Zoo Educator Amber Wisler, left, holds a mulberry leaf next to ten-year-old Alice Beck's cheek to help initiate a kiss from Tango the giraffe, in Tampa, Fla.



## Oy, a new toy

Meisha, the 8-year-old dog of Stan and Joni Sucan, goes to work on a stuffed gefilte fish, in Columbus, Ohio. The fish is one of the items in Chewish Treats' line of Jewish holiday-inspired pet toys.



## Snow leaves beautiful sight

Snow is seen on the Saratoga mountains during a winter storm that p...





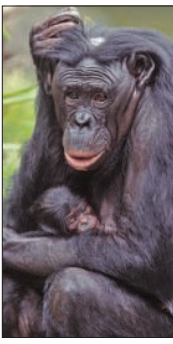
Looks comfy

John Anderson of Gail, Texas, tries out a shitsu massage chair at the Cowboy Christmas show at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas.



Southern snowman

Due to a lack of snowfall in south Louisiana, Henry Brunet built his snowman from Spanish moss, which is displayed in front of his Dularge, La., home. According to the Louisiana Office of State Climatology, the last trace of snow that fell in the Terrebonne Parish area was in March 1993.



Staying close to mom

A female bonobo, or pygmy chimpanzee, named Lana holds her baby at the San Diego Zoo in San Diego, Calif.



to Catalina Mountains as the Saint Augustine Church in downtown Tucson, Ariz., looms in the foreground, followed through the city.

## Wildest attack

**IN** NORTH LIBERTY — A wildebeest that was part of a man's menagerie of exotic animals trampled him to death on his northern Indiana farm, police said.

It was unclear what caused the roughly 500-pound wildebeest, an African antelope also known as a gnu, to attack Klaus "Dick" Radandt, 64, in the barnyard behind his home in North Liberty.

Police said Radandt's wife, Terri Lynn, became concerned when he did not return for lunch after going to the barnyard.

She investigated and found him lying on the ground and called paramedics, who were unable to revive him.

St. Joseph County Coroner Chuck Hurley said the male animal apparently used its head to repeatedly ram Radandt and then trampled him after he fell to the ground. The official cause of death was blunt force trauma to the chest and head, Hurley said.

With a female wildebeest nearby, the animal may have considered Radandt a threat.

## Jury spares man's life

**KS** KANSAS CITY — A jury recommended a life sentence for a man convicted of killing five people in retaliation for the robbery and beating of his mother, sparing him the death penalty.

The same jury convicted Darrell Stallings on five counts of capital murder and other charges in the June 2002 shooting rampage in Kansas City, Kan. Prosecutors said none of the victims was involved in the attack on Stallings' mother.

Stallings, 34, who is scheduled for sentencing in January, apologized to the families of each victim.

Another man, Errik Harris, 28, is also charged in the deaths, but his trial date has not been set.

## Lawnmower getaway

**NH** DOVER — It wasn't exactly the perfect getaway vehicle.

A man took off on a lawnmower after allegedly fleeing three two-Motocov tools at his ex-girlfriend's apartment building, police said. He was arrested after a brief, slow-speed chase.

Police said the homemade bombs — two glass Budweiser bottles filled with gasoline and plugged with rags — did not burst into flames. One of them shattered, spilling gas and sending fumes into nearby apartments. Two residents were treated for breathing problems.

Steven Coleman, 37, of Dover, was arraigned in Dover District Court on charges of criminal trespass, attempted arson, and resisting arrest, a misdemeanor. He could face up to 31 years in jail if convicted on all charges.

## Donations rejected

**NC** STATESVILLE — The owner of an adult night club that last year gave gifts to hundreds of needy children in public housing says he's been told "thanks, but no thanks" this year.

Jeff Bustle, owner of Teasers,

said the Statesville Housing Authority told him that it won't accept gifts collected at his business.

"It's really sad," said Bustle, who has participated in toy drives for the past 14 years. Last year, Teasers donated more than 500 gifts to the authority.

David Meachem, executive director of the housing authority, said he rejected the toys because he was criticized last year for accepting the donation.

## Wal-Mart robbed

**TX** BURLESON — Holiday shoppers were pepper-sprayed by a gunman who stole a bag of money from an armored car's guard at a North Texas Wal-Mart.

Twenty-two people required medical treatment after the gunman began spraying startled shoppers and workers after the robbery in front of the store. Authorities said six customers were hospitalized with breathing problems and 16 other people were treated at the Wal-Mart.

The handbag escaped in a white van, which was found abandoned in a field about seven miles away.

## City code change

**UT** PROVO — Residents here can now officially own both cats AND dogs.

City Council members voted unanimously to replace the word "or" with the word "and" in existing city code, which means residents can now own up to two cats and — two dogs at the same time.

The problem was discovered when Susan Sewell and her family went to the Utah County Animal Shelter in Spanish Fork to adopt a kitten in August. The family already has a cat and a dog.

They chose a kitten and began filling out the adoption paperwork. But when shelter staff learned of their existing pets, the family was told they couldn't have the new animal because Provo only allowed residents to have cats or dogs, not cats and dogs.

## Hamburger assault

**NH** ROCHESTER — Tony Carr wanted to pay for his burger.

Instead, police say, he ended up smooching the microwaved patty in a store clerk's face.

Carr, 37, of Berwick, Maine, turned himself into police. He was charged with simple assault and criminal mischief, both misdemeanors, and released on \$5,000 bail. He is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 3.

Investigators say Carr got angry on Nov. 28 when the clerk at a Cumberland Farms would not allow him to pay for a hamburger while it was heating in the store microwave.

Police said the clerk, Scott Lizenberger, told Carr he had to bring the burger to the counter 15 feet away to pay for it.

Instead of paying for it, Carr shoved it into the clerk's face, burning his face and eye, police Sgt. Anthony Triano said.

Stories and photos from wire services

# Horoscope

Venus and Saturn work together to make sure the lessons that guide our relationships are ones we learn well. During the last week of Mercury's retrograde, we're more conscious of not repeating mistakes — and if we forget, an interfering friend nearby is sure to remind us. "Hey, didn't you do that last time?" And didn't it turn out badly?"

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 13).** You've come a long way, and this is your year to celebrate! January features buying and selling your way into a better financial spot. Involvement in charity or the arts will be your lucky ticket to love. February features more responsibility, so make a huge effort to break away from tired patterns — vacation in March. Love signs are Pisces and Taurus. Your lucky numbers are 9, 50, 6, 11 and 43.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You haven't always been paid correctly for your effort. But at least now you have the benefit of 1,000 practice runs. You approach your work with precision and artistry, and it's impressive to excite the person you want to please.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You're enriched by a greater appreciation for the familiar. Maybe wild beauty isn't what defines your neighborhood, but there's a certain charm there, and you're comfortable. Positive thoughts of home keep you in the line.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It's the little interactions that have you feeling content, if not a tad smug. Your superior social skills work to smooth over hassles and get you free upgrades. Customer-service agents figure into the equation.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** A ragged relationship is shaping up bit by bit. Transformation is too much to expect, but growth, even rapid growth, is not so far-fetched. Put in the effort, and you won't be disappointed.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** In family matters, you state exactly what's going to happen before it does. Granted, you know your loved

ones quite well and can therefore operate like an expert doormat. Still, your handle on the situation protects all involved.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You're impulsive now, so it's hard to know when you're onto something good or just going with the playful mood of the moment. Go for a quantity of ideas instead of worrying yet about which one is actually going to work.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Some of your cohorts will sink to petty and selfish-serving activities, so it's important that you stay firmly grounded in your values.

There's more at stake than the happiness of people who are already in power. Fair is fair.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Love relationships benefit from a dose of ambitious idealism. So what if it doesn't exactly happen the way you dreamed it would — it's more important that you have joint aspirations. Be frivolous and fanciful!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Swiftness responds when duty calls! Your self-confidence soars when you know that the right thing anyone — it's an automatic response. You'll put all opponents on the defensive.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** It's hard to be honest with friends, especially the sensitive ones — history proves they can't take the smallest dose of their own medicine. Timing makes all the difference. Speak your mind in the moment it's all going down.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Acquaintances may say one thing and do another, but these are minor grievances, and there's no use fighting over it. Take the high road. You know you're right, so it's really important that others acknowledge it, too.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You've got that delicious excited edge, like you're not sure whether you can really pull something off. Though you'd probably perform better without the nerves, it wouldn't be as exhilarating. Love where you are!

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## Holiday Mathis



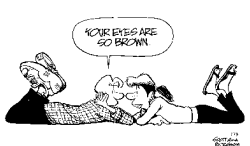
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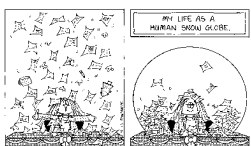
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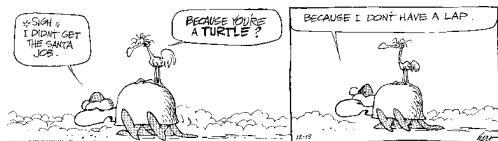
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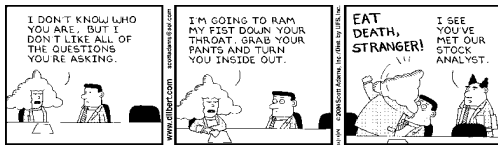
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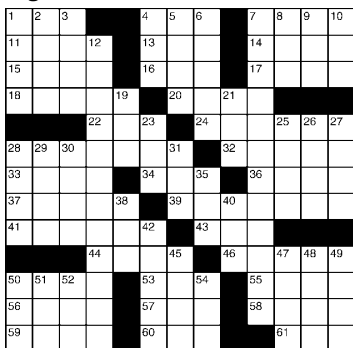
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# Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## 12-13

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THAT TRAFFIC COP HALTED THE SNOWMAN, ONE MIGHT SAY FROSTY WAS STOPPED COLD.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals L

# Split couple complicate invites

**Dear Abby:** I'm throwing a holiday party. About six weeks ago, my friend "Shirley" was about the party and that I was inviting her ex-fiance, "Tom." She replied that if Tom would be there, she would not.

I sent invitations to both of them. Tom RSVP'd that he and his new girlfriend (the one that came between him and Shirley) would attend. I then informed Shirley that you know who was coming. She is now very upset with me and accuses me of choosing him over her. She's questioning my friendship and says I'm purposely tormenting her.

I understand Shirley is upset. But don't you agree that she needs to understand my position? My husband is close friends with Tom, and Shirley knew I was inviting him. Now, less than a week before the party, she has called me five times to cry and make me feel bad. I'm afraid no one will enjoy

anything if they're in the same room.

**—Tom in Two in South Carolina**  
*Dear Tom in Two:* Shirley should not dictate who's to be invited to and/or excluded from your party. Remind her what she said when you first told her that

both she and her ex would be invited. Your husband has a right to include anyone he wishes. Tell Shirley that you'd love to have her there, but if it's too painful for her to see Tom and his new love interest, you'll invite her to another soiree. The choice is hers.

**Dear Abby:** I was recently engaged to

"Danny," the man of my dreams. He is everything I have prayed for all my life.

The problem is his mother. She constantly barges into our relationship. She was even there when he proposed to me — so close I could hear her crying.

Because Danny is in the mili-

tary, our time together is limited. I have been planning a trip to visit him for an awards ceremony. It was booked and paid for three months ago.

I just learned that Danny's mother plans to "surprise" him by attending the awards ceremony and staying all weekend.

Once again, there she is. I understand that she wants to support her son, but this is the way my marriage is going to be — her always wanting to share in the moment.

**—Surrounded By His Mother**  
*Dear Surrounded:* Danny may be "your man," but he is also her little boy. Perhaps his mother wouldn't hover so much if her son wasn't in the military and therefore in jeopardy.

Please cut her some slack. Also, how Danny reacts to his mother's surprise visit should give you insight into what lies ahead for you.

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**Dear Abby**



# Lack of affection hurts relationship

**Dear Annie:** I have been dating "Jon" for two years, and we became engaged last November. I am wondering if it is normal for a man not to be affectionate.

Jon rarely holds my hand or cuddles in bed at night. We recently went on a trip without my children (from a previous marriage), and it was so relaxing. We were gone four nights, and to my dismay, Jon was not once romantic or tender. We were sexually intimate, but as soon as we were finished, he just rolled over.

Are there men like this who are happily married? I don't know if I can live without affection. It makes me feel used. I've been married before and have dated several men, but I've never experienced this. I thought touching and holding came naturally. Is she normal?

**—Dumbfound**

*Dear Dumbfound:* Well, yes, within certain limits. Not all men are naturally affectionate, especially if they come from non-de-

**Annie's Mailbox**



monstrative families. It doesn't mean he isn't happy with you, but we worry that you might not be happy with him.

You need to discuss with Jon how important this is to you. He may not realize that you expect the hand-holding, cuddling and other signs that he is fond of you when you aren't having sex.

Don't wait for him to make the first move — teach him what you need. Take his hand when you are walking. Ask for a hug before dinner. Put your arms around his neck and kiss him for no reason. If he doesn't make any effort to warm up, get couples counseling and see what can be done.

**Dear Annie:** Please remind your readers of the importance of having a will and making arrangements for your burial.

I lost both of my parents within the past few months. They left very little assets and no will. My

sister is in possession of some of the assets, and I am left to try and pay for the burials and their other debts. I am not financially well off, but I want to do the right thing.

It seems to me that the expenses of the funeral should be split evenly. Who is responsible for these costs? I don't want to alienate my sister, but I need her help.

**—What should I do?**

*Dear Still Grieving:* You are more responsible for these costs than your sister. If she has not offered to split the expenses with you, pick up the phone and ask her to do so. Offer to send her an itemized accounting, and then ask her to please pay her share. If this is a financial hardship for your sister, perhaps a payment plan can be worked out, or you can ask her to contribute whatever she can manage.

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# JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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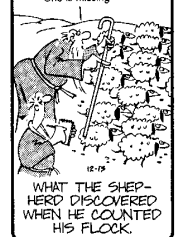
**Answer: BEIGE ABBEY TINGLE OBLONG**

**Answer:** When their conversation turned to marriage she found it — "ENGAGING"

# THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirin

53,54,55,56,57... One is missing



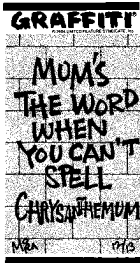
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

# Family Circus



**"When they played hide-and-seek, Rudolph couldn't hide because of his nose."**

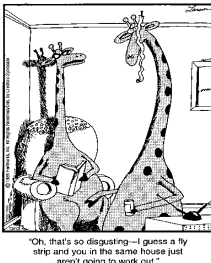


**Dennis the Menace**

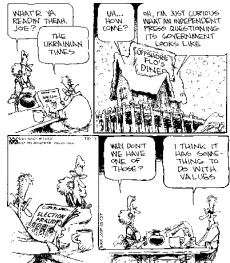


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**The Far Side**



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## Pro football

### NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA			
New England	11	0	0	917	339	289			
Pittsburgh	9	5	0	780	254	231			
Buffalo	6	8	0	417	231	289			
Indianapolis	2	10	0	167	289	339			
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA			
San Francisco	8	8	0	500	239	289			
Seattle	5	7	0	417	239	289			
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	583	231	289			
Baltimore	7	5	0	583	231	289			
Cleveland	3	9	0	250	339	339			
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA			
San Diego	9	3	0	750	339	289			
Kansas City	8	4	0	667	239	289			
Kansas City	4	8	0	333	341	326			
Washington	4	8	0	333	341	326			

NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA			
Philadelphia	5	7	0	417	340	381			
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	417	340	381			
Washington	4	8	0	333	289	319			
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA			
Atlanta	3	9	0	250	329	242			
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	417	249	287			
New Orleans	4	8	0	333	231	284			
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA			
Green Bay	7	5	0	583	239	284			
San Diego	7	5	0	583	239	284			
Detroit	5	7	0	417	219	289			
San Francisco	4	8	0	333	289	323			

**Sunday's games**  
 Oakland at Atlanta  
 New Orleans at Dallas  
 Cleveland at Buffalo  
 N.Y. Giants at Cincinnati  
 Dallas at Jacksonville  
 Cincinnati at New England  
 N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh  
 Miami at Denver  
 Detroit at Green Bay  
 San Francisco at San Diego  
 Philadelphia at Washington

**Monday's game**  
 Kansas City at Tennessee  
**Saturday, Dec. 18**  
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants  
 Cincinnati at Carolina  
**Sunday, Dec. 19**  
 Houston at Chicago  
 Minnesota at Detroit  
 Seattle at N.Y. Jets  
 Denver at Philadelphia  
 Dallas at Cincinnati  
 Dallas at Philadelphia  
 New Orleans at Tampa Bay  
 Jacksonville at Green Bay  
 Tennessee at Oakland  
 Baltimore at Indianapolis

Monday, Dec. 20

New England at Miami

## College football

### Bowl games

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**  
**New Orleans Bowl**  
 Payoff: \$750,000  
 North Texas (7-4) vs. Southern Mississippi (6-5)  
**Tuesday, Dec. 14**  
**Champs Sports Bowl**  
 At Orlando, Fla.  
 Payoff: \$800,000  
 Georgia Tech (6-5) vs. Syracuse (6-5)  
**GMAC Bowl**  
 Mobile, Ala.  
 Payoff: \$750,000  
 Memphis (5-6) vs. South Carolina (6-3)  
**Thursday, Dec. 23**  
**Fort Worth (Texas) Bowl**  
 Cincinnati (6-5) vs. Marshall (6-5)  
**Las Vegas Bowl**  
 Payoff: \$750,000  
 Wyoming (6-5) vs. UCLA (6-5)  
**Friday, Dec. 24**  
**Hawaii Bowl**  
 Payoff: \$750,000  
 UAB (7-4) vs. Hawaii (7-4)  
**Monday, Dec. 27**  
**MPC Computers Bowl**  
 At Boise, Idaho  
 Fresno State (9-5) vs. Virginia Tech (9-3)  
**Motor City Bowl**  
 At Detroit, Mich.  
 Payoff: \$750,000  
 Toledo (9-3) vs. Miami (10-1)  
**Tuesday, Dec. 28**  
**Shreveport Bowl**  
 Payoff: \$1.2 million  
 Iowa State (6-5) vs. Miami (Ohio) (8-4)  
**Thursday, Dec. 29**  
**Alamo Bowl**  
 Payoff: \$1.5 million  
 Oregon State (7-5) vs. Notre Dame (6-5)  
**Houston Bowl**  
 Payoff: \$1.5 million  
 Texas-El Paso (7-5) vs. Colorado (7-5), 4:30 p.m.  
 Payoff: \$1.5 million  
 Ohio State (7-4) vs. North Carolina (7-4)  
**Thursday, Dec. 30**  
**Continental Tire Bowl**  
 At Charlotte, N.C.  
 Boston College (8-3) vs. North Carolina (6-5)  
**Emerald Bowl**  
 At San Francisco  
 Payoff: \$750,000  
 New Mexico (7-4) vs. Stanford (10-1)  
**Holiday Bowl**  
 At San Diego  
 Payoff: \$2 million  
 California (9-3) vs. Louisville (7-4)  
**Silicon Valley Classic**  
 At San Jose, Calif.  
 Payoff: \$2 million  
 Troy (7-4) vs. Northern Illinois (9-3)  
**Friday, Dec. 31**  
**Music City Bowl**  
 Payoff: \$780,000  
 Alabama (6-5) vs. Minnesota (6-5)  
**San Bowl**  
 At El Paso, Texas  
 Payoff: \$1.5 million  
 Purdue (7-5) vs. Arizona State (9-3)  
**Liberty Bowl**  
 At Memphis, Tenn.  
 Payoff: \$1.5 million  
 Boise State (11-0) vs. Louisville (10-1)  
**Peach Bowl**  
 Payoff: \$2.2 million  
 Miami (8-3) vs. Florida State (10-1)  
**Saturday, Jan. 1**  
**Cotton Bowl**  
 At Dallas  
 Payoff: \$2.2 million  
 Tennessee (9-3) vs. Texas Tech (14-0)  
**Outback Bowl**  
 At Tampa, Fla.  
 Payoff: \$2.2 million  
 Wisconsin (9-3) vs. Georgia Tech (10-1)  
**Cator Bowl**  
 At Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Payoff: \$1.6 million  
 Florida State (10-1) vs. Virginia Tech (10-1)  
**Capital One Bowl**  
 At Orlando, Fla.  
 Payoff: \$1.6 million  
 Iowa (9-2) vs. LSU (9-2)  
**Rose Bowl**  
 At Pasadena, Calif.  
 Payoff: \$14.5 million  
 Michigan (9-2) vs. Texas (10-1)

**Fiesta Bowl**  
 At Tempe, Ariz.  
 Payoff: \$13.4 million  
 Utah (11-0) vs. Pittsburgh (6-5)  
**Sugar Bowl**  
 At New Orleans  
 Payoff: \$11.4 million  
 Auburn (12-0) vs. Oklahoma (10-2)  
**Tuesday, Jan. 4**  
**At Miami**  
 Payoff: \$11.4 million  
 Southern Cal (12-0) vs. Oklahoma (12-0)  
**Saturday, Jan. 15**  
**Gridiron Classic**  
 At The Villages, Fla.  
 North vs. South  
**East-West Shrine Classic**  
 At Fort Lauderdale, Fla.  
 East vs. West  
**Saturday, Jan. 22**  
**Hula Bowl**  
 At Maui, Hawaii  
 Aloha vs. Kai  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
**Senior Bowl**  
 At Mobile, Ala.  
 North vs. South

## Division I-AA playoffs

**Semifinals**  
**Friday, Dec. 19**  
 James Madison 48, William & Mary 34  
**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
 Sam Houston 41, Chattanooga 13  
**Championship**  
**Friday, Dec. 11**  
 At Finley Stadium/Hapsburg Field  
 Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 James Madison (12-1) vs. Montana (12-2)

## Division II playoffs

**Semifinals**  
**Saturday, Dec. 18**  
 Valdosta State 45, West Georgia 21  
 Pittsburg 31, North Dakota 19  
**Championship**  
**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
 At Brady Municipal Stadium  
 Florence, Ala.  
 Pittsburg 31, Valdosta State 13 (12-1)

## Division III playoffs

**Semifinals**  
**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
 Mary Hardin-Baylor 38, Mount Union, Ohio 19  
 Linfield, Ore. 52, Rowan, N.J. 40  
**Championship**  
**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
 Mount Union, Ohio 35, Linfield, Ore. 59  
**Stag Bowl**  
 At Salem, Va.  
 Mary Hardin-Baylor (1-1) vs. Linfield (12-0)

## College basketball

### Men's AP Top 25

**Saturday**  
 1. Illinois (6-0) beat Oregon 83-66. Next: vs. Valparaiso, Sunday, Dec. 19.  
 2. Kansas (5-0) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette. Next: vs. South Carolina, Sunday.  
 3. Georgia Tech (6-0) beat Air Force 64-42. Next: vs. James Madison, Wednesday.  
 4. Syracuse (7-1) vs. Birmingham. Next: vs. Drexel, Saturday.  
 5. Oklahoma State (6-0) did not play. Next: at UNLV, Saturday.  
 6. Wake Forest (6-1) did not play. Next: at Temple, Monday.  
 7. Connecticut (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Rice, Sunday.  
 8. North Carolina (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola of Chicago, Sunday.  
 9. Duke (5-0) did not play. Next: Indiana, Sunday.  
 10. Kentucky (6-1) beat Virginia 73-58. Next: at No. 13 Louisville, Sunday.  
 11. Pittsburgh (7-0) beat Penn State 84-71. Next: vs. Coppin State.  
 12. North Carolina State (7-0) beat Virginia 94-60. Next: vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, Wednesday.  
 13. Louisville (5-1) beat Florida 74-70. Next: at No. 20 Stroudsburg, Sat.  
 14. Texas (6-1) did not play. Next: at Tennessee, Saturday.  
 15. Arizona (6-2) beat Utah 67-62. Next: at Arizona State, Saturday.  
 16. Washington (7-1) did not play. Next: at Loyola Marymount, Sunday.  
 17. Iowa (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Western Michigan, Saturday.  
 18. Alabama (7-1) vs. Temple. Next: vs. Tennessee, Sunday.  
 19. Virginia (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday, Dec. 23.

20. Michigan State (5-2) beat Stanford 70-53. Next: vs. Delaware State, Saturday.  
 21. George Washington (5-1) at St. Francis, Pa. Next: vs. Towson, Saturday.  
**Monday**  
 1. Mississippi State (5-2) at Arkansas-Little Rock. Next: at New Orleans, Monday.  
 2. Maryland (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina-Ashville, Sunday.  
 3. Wisconsin (5-1) at Marquette. Next: vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Wednesday.  
 4. Delaware (5-1) vs. Loyola, Saturday.  
 5. North Carolina State (5-2) at Georgia Tech, Saturday.

## Saturday's men's scores

**EAST**  
 America 104, Ohio 50  
 New England 60, Chicago-Sawyer 60  
 Bates 74, Husson 69  
 Middlebury 62, St. Francis 59  
 Columbia 62, St. Andrews 57  
 Delaware Valley 79, Acadia 69  
 Drexel 66, Quinipiac 59  
 Delaware 78, UMSB 69  
 Fitchburg 58, Clark 62  
 Fordham 68, Fairfield 60  
 Hartford 74, Long Island 10  
 Lake Erie 68, Grove City 66  
 Lycoming 76, Susquehanna 59  
 Mount St. Mary's, Md. 80, Loyola, Md. 55  
 N.Y. Tech 63, Sciences, Pa. 57  
 NYU 82, Haverford 60  
 Nazareth, N.J. 80, Mitchell 50  
 New England 60, Thomas, Maine 66  
 Oswego 58, Rochester Tech 64  
 Penn State, Penn. 71  
 St. Joseph 74, Hampshire 54  
 Scranton 94, Albright 69  
 Siena 78, St. Thomas 60  
 Villanova 54, La Salle 43  
 West Virginia 70, Dartmouth 62  
 West Virginia 71, Coppin 47  
 Wake Forest 71, Elizabeth 120  
 Western, Mass. 94, Bridgewater, Mass. 77  
 West 100, Muskegon 89  
 Worcester Tech 61, Framingham 57

**SOUTH**  
 1. Brescia 76, Cumberland, Ky. 56  
 2. Alabama 78, Alabama State 66  
 Georgia Tech 69, UT 74, 0T  
 3. Jacksonville 84, Savannah 62  
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**MIDWEST**  
 1. Atlanta Christian 71, Greenville 68  
 Ball St. 60, Ind.-Purdue 73  
 Bowling Green 81, Youngstown 59  
 Capital 70, Mount Union 59  
 Cleveland 50, Nebraska 48  
 Gannon 58, Ashland 46  
 Grand Valley 76, Lake Superior 58  
 Hillsdale 67, Wayne, Mich. 58  
 Kean 68, Trinity Christian 57  
 Illinois 83, Oregon 66  
 Indiana 80, Lewis 87  
 Manchester 59, Tri-State 77  
 Michigan 71, Saginaw 62  
 Minn.-Morris 126, North Central 82  
 Minnesota 82, Marian 63  
 Missouri 87, Montana 62  
 Minnesota 66, Baldwin-Wallace 62  
 Purdue 89, Colorado 82  
 Roanoke 90, Mount Vernon Nazarene 82, 0T

**SOUTHWEST**  
 1. Oklahoma 88, Colorado 44  
 2. Dallas 81, Alabama A&M 68  
 Texas A&M 59, Gregory's 48  
 Arizona 67, Utah 62  
**Goaltenders-Bankers Classic**  
**Championship**  
 Franklin 87, Alma 71

## Frida's men's scores

**EAST**  
 Buffalo 58, D'Youville 67  
 1. New Brunswick 84, Erie Clif 49  
 Gwynedd-Mercy 64, Valley Forge Christian 50  
 Delaware Valley 79, Acadia 69  
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## Women's AP Top 25

**Saturday**  
 1. LSU (9-0) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Minnesota, Tuesday.  
 2. North Carolina 77, Duke 60. Next: at San Francisco, Sunday.  
 3. Texas (4-1) did not play. Next: at Liberty, Sunday.  
 4. Texas (4-1) did not play. Next: at North Carolina, Sunday.  
 5. Baylor (6-1) vs. Penn State. Next: at Wake Forest, Sunday.  
 6. Notre Dame (9-1) beat Washington 72-58. Next: at Marquette, Sunday, Dec. 19.  
 7. Connecticut (3-1) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Tuesday, Dec. 19.  
 8. Tennessee (4-1) did not play. Next: at No. 20 DePaul, Sunday.  
 9. North Carolina 77, Duke 60. Next: at Mississippi, Sunday.  
 10. North Carolina 77, Duke 60. Next: at Mississippi, Sunday.  
 11. Georgia (8-1) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Arizona, Sunday.  
 12. Michigan State (8-1) beat Detroit 73-64. Next: at Miami A&M, Monday, Sunday, Dec. 19.  
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 14. Boston College (7-1) beat New Hampshire 85-65. Next: at Santa Clara, Sunday.  
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## Saturday's women's scores

**EAST**  
 Baruch 77, Keen 76  
 Boston College 77, New Hampshire 49  
 Brandeis 66, W. Virginia 59  
 Colgate 83, Albany, N.Y. 47  
 Cornell 82, Cornell 82  
 Delaware Valley 84, Arcadia 64  
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# USC sophomore Reggie Bush steps out of shadows

## Low-profile, big-play back joins QB Leinart as Heisman finalist

By JOHN NADEL  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In some ways, Reggie Bush is the most unlikely Heisman Trophy finalist. He doesn't start for No. 1 Southern California, and ranks second on the team in rushing and receiving.

He's a sophomore, and the previous winners have all been juniors or seniors.

Finally, he's often been overshadowed by teammate Matt Leinart, also a finalist for the award. They'll be joined at Saturday night's ceremony in New York by Oklahoma's Adrian Peterson and Jason White and Utah quarterback Alex Smith. Bush's former high school teammate from near San Diego.

All that being said, Bush doesn't think of himself as a long shot.

"I envision myself winning the Heisman Trophy," he said. "We'll see. You don't want to be selfish, but at the same time you go because it's one of the greatest awards a college athlete can get."

We're right down the street from Hollywood. Anything can happen in Hollywood. Obviously, I'd love to win. All year it's been in my mind frame, but it's out of my control."

Bush's résumé is packed with big plays.

He caught three touchdowns passes from Leinart in a season-opening 24-13 victory over Sugar Bowl-bound Virginia Tech.

He returned punts for touchdowns at Washington State and Oregon State.

And he finished the season with a breathtaking performance against UCLA, rushing for a career-high 204 yards on 15 carries and scoring on runs of 65 and 81 yards.

**To find out who won the Heisman Trophy on Saturday night, visit [www.stripes.com](http://www.stripes.com).**

"I guess I kind of shot up the voting polls," Bush said.

Bush, a 6-foot, 200-pounder, ranks fifth in the country in all-purpose yards, averaging 181.8 per game. He did so despite the fact that opposing teams did everything they could to kick the ball away from him and track his every move from scrimmage.

He rushed for 833 yards on 137 carries and six touchdowns; caught 41 passes for 478 yards and seven TDs; returned 23 punts for 369 yards and two scores, and returned 19 kickoffs for 501 yards.

His rushing numbers pale in comparison to Peterson, the other talkback among the finalists who has 1,043 yards.

Bush is about more than just numbers. He's a game-breaker.

"He's the most spectacular player I've ever seen in college football," Trojans tight end Alex Holmes said. "Teams gun for him, they change their whole defense. Every time he touches the ball, he has a chance to score. You can't say that about too many people."

Soft-spoken and studious off the field, Bush is much different when he's playing.

"On the field, I'm probably the exact opposite of that," he said. "I love all the attention. At the same time, I keep myself humble."

"Split personality, on and off the field."

The 19-year-old should be good at self-analysis, considering he's a psychology major on track to graduate in 3½ years.



**Southern Cal sophomore Reggie Bush is fifth in the country with 181.8 all-purpose yards a game.**

"A totally different person comes out on the field," he said. "Sometimes a good attitude, sometimes a bad attitude. Football brings out a whole different person in me."

Like last weekend against UCLA. At the end of his first long touchdown run, he somersaulted into the end zone and received an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

"It wasn't anything I'd thought about before," he said. "It was just instinctive. I just did it. I wasn't trying to show off. It just happened."

The Trojans' wealth of talent limits Bush's opportunities. He averaged less than 11½ carries per game, compared to nearly 16 for teammate LenDale White, and fewer than 3½ receptions.

"I guess it's just the nature of the beast," Bush said.

"There's only one ball to go around. It can be frustrating. But I'm winning. I think that just makes us that more dangerous, that we have other athletes and can spread the ball around."

He does make the most of those limited chances, averaging just under 10 yards per touch. Bush even threw a 52-yard TD pass against Arizona State.

"It's tough because of the situation we have here — he can only get the ball so much," Leinart said. "I think he will be a Heisman Trophy winner before he goes. He deserves it."

"He'll be the best player in college."

# Longhorns linebacker Johnson wins Butkus

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Texas linebacker Derrick Johnson won the Butkus Award on Friday as the nation's best linebacker.

Johnson is the first Texas player to win the award, beating out Ahmad Brooks of Virginia and Matt Groetogee of South Carolina.

Johnson, who was a Butkus finalist last year as a junior, led the Longhorns this season with 128 tackles, 78 solo and 19 for loss. He also added two sacks, one interception and eight forced fumbles for No. 6 Texas, which faces No. 13 Michigan in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Johnson has already been named the winner of the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, awarded to the nation's best defensive player. He was also a finalist for the Lombardi Award, given to the top college lineman. Georgia's David Pollack won the Lombardi.

Named for NFL Hall of Fame linebacker Dick Butkus, the award is presented by the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando.

## Stanford interviews Pittsburgh coach Harris

STANFORD, Calif. — Pittsburgh coach Walt Harris interviewed at Stanford on Friday for the school's coaching vacancy.

Stanford officials said Harris was on campus to meet with athletic director Ted Leland, who hired Harris as football coach at Pacific in 1989 when Leland was the AD there. Harris met with Leland two days after Southern Cal offensive coordinator Norm Chow interviewed for the job.

Leland said Leland had interviewed his top two candidates, a decision on Buddy Teevens' successor could come soon — perhaps by the end of the weekend. Teevens was fired Nov. 28 after three straight losing seasons.

Leland is looking for a coach with a strong offensive background after Stanford struggled to score during Teevens' tenure. The Cardinal went 4-7 the past

two seasons, losing their last five games this year. They were 0-13 down the stretch the last three seasons.

## Notre Dame assistant accepts coordinator position at Florida

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame defensive line coach Greg Mattison is leaving to join new Florida coach Urban Meyer, the man the Fighting Irish hope to hire last week to replace the fired Tyrone Willingham.

Mattison was hired Friday as the Gators co-defensive coordinator, and will be reunited with Meyer. The two were Notre Dame assistants under Bob Davie until 2001. Mattison will share the coordinator's job with Charlie Strong, who also worked at Notre Dame.

## Colorado Mines QB Friehef wins Harlon Hill Trophy

FLORENCE, Ala. — Colorado School of Mines quarterback Chad Friehef won the Harlon Hill Trophy as the Division II college football player of the year on Friday night.

Friehef, a senior from Brush, Colo., threw for 4,646 yards and 39 touchdowns in leading the Miners to their first ever playoff win and a 12-1 record. The Miners went 11-0 in the regular season.

## Cal WR Gary arrested

SAN FRANCISCO — A California football player was arrested early Friday on weapons charges stemming from a fight outside a nightclub.

Officials responding to a call found a weapon on David Gray, a 21-year-old sophomore receiver for the Golden Bears. They also found a gun in a vehicle, said police spokeswoman Mary O'Connell.

Gray faces a felony charge of tampering with identification marks on a firearm, and also was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and carrying a loaded firearm in a public place, both misdemeanors. He was released Friday on a \$30,000 bond.

Hobbled by a foot injury, Gray played only one game this season, making one catch for 24 yards against Stanford.

# James Madison reaches I-AA final

The Associated Press

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Justin Rascati threw for three touchdowns to help James Madison beat William & Mary 48-14 Friday night in a Division I-AA semifinal game.

The Dukes (12-2) avenged a regular-season, last-play loss to the Tribe and advanced to Friday's national championship game against Montana, which defeated Sam Houston State 34-13 on Saturday.

The Dukes, who won 14-13 at Lehigh in the first round and 14-13 at Penn State to reach the semifinals, became the first I-AA team to reach the title game by winning three straight road games.

William & Mary (11-3), which rallied from a 31-10 deficit to beat defending national champion Delaware in double overtime last weekend, felt a 20-21, rode the passing of Lang Campbell to a 26-20 third-quarter lead, then turned the ball over twice after falling behind again.

The Dukes drove for scores after each turnover, mixing the running of Maurice Fenner with Rascati's passing to run time off the clock and prevent Campbell and the Tribe from another comeback in

front of a sellout crowd of 12,259. Fenner carried 22 yards for 117 yards, and Rascati, who transferred to the school in Harrisonburg for this season, finished 11-for-14 for 143 yards. He found Camie Harris for 19 yards, D.D. Boxley for 34 — a diving fingertip grab — and Antoinette Bolton for 13 to make it 41-26.

In Saturday's action:

**Mary Hardin-Baylor 38, Mount Union 35:** In his third career start, freshman Josh Welch threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to Walter Sharp on fourth down with 49 seconds to play, to lift the Crusaders in a Division III semifinal in Alliance, Ohio.

Mary Hardin-Baylor outscored Mount Union 17-0 in the fourth quarter to hand the Purple Raiders (12-1) their third loss in 123 games.

The Crusaders (13-1) will play for their first championship on Dec. 18 in Salem, Va., against the winner of the semifinal between Linfield and Rowan.

Mount Union has won six of the past eight Division III titles.

This is the ultimate at this time," said Crusaders coach Pete Fredenburg. "We obviously want to win the national championship, but to come here and beat Mount Union is unbelievable."

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# Wells switches sides, joins Red Sox

## Former Yankee signs two-year deal; Ortiz, Finley, Hidalgo find homes

BY RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — David Wells is switching sides in the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry.

The loud lefty known for his unabashed love of Yankees history agreed Saturday to a \$16 million, two-year contract with Boston.

While there was no announcement, the agreement was confirmed by a Red Sox official who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Wells gets a \$3 million signing bonus and a salary of \$2.5 million a year. In addition, he would earn \$200,000 per start from \$11.20 and \$300,000 per start from \$21.30.

His decision to go to Boston was a stunning turnaround for the 41-year-old pitcher, who spent four years with New York over two tours, then went 12-8 with a 3.73 ERA last season for his hometown San Diego Padres.

Boston, coming off its first World Series title since 1918, also hopes to re-sign Pedro Martinez and Jason Varitek.

"I'm sure before all the players are off the board, there will be players for whom the price is right for the Boston Red Sox," Boston GM Theo Epstein said.

As the winter meetings opened Friday, Russell Ortiz, Steve Finley and Richard Hidalgo found new teams, though there were no trades.

Arizona set the free-agent pace for the second straight day, agreeing to a \$33 million, four-year contract with Ortiz in an effort to complement Randy Johnson in its starting rotation.

Finley, who started last season with the Diamondbacks and finished it with the Dodgers, moved down Interstate 5, agreeing to a \$14 million, two-year contract with the Anaheim Angels.

Texas agreed to a \$5 million, one-year deal with right fielder Richard Hidalgo, who split last season between Houston and the New York Mets. And the Florida Marlins reached preliminary agreements with relievers Antonio Alfonseca and Todd Jones.

As for the biggest names, agents appeared to be holding back, waiting for the market to rise even higher.

"When you look at last year's attendance growth, all those things put more money in the marketplace," Mets General Manager Omar Minaya said.

Carlos Beltran, Adrian Beltre, Vartek and



David Wells on Saturday agreed to a two-year contract with the Boston Red Sox that is worth \$18 million with performance bonuses.

Derek Lowe are represented by Scott Boras, whose clients have not reached deals until late in the offseason in recent years.

Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman expected to talk with Boras and with other top agents during the weekend, including Scott Shapiro, who represents Carl Pavano. Cashman also said Yankees pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre and staff ace Mike Mussina were to have called Pavano in the past week.

"He just needs some time to see where his heart is," Shapiro said.

Anaheim, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit and Seattle also are competing for Pavano, who pretty much has ruled out returning to the Marlins.

"At this point in time, I'd say it's very slim," Shapiro said.

"Ultimately, I don't know if they have the financial resources to compete as the market has matured to a certain level."

New York is close to an agreement with Jaret Wright on a \$21 million, three-year deal, and Cashman would like to get at least one other starting pitcher this weekend. The Yankees also have been talking with Eric Milton.

Sammy Sosa, Mike Piazza, Barry Zito, Tim Lincecum and Shawn Green have all been mentioned in trade talk, but it appears Johnson



Ortiz

Finley

and Kevin Brown won't be going anywhere soon.

The Diamondbacks said Friday that while Johnson had asked them to explore trading him to a contender, they expect the 41-year-old left-hander will remain in Arizona. The Yankees pulled out of talks last week, saying Arizona's asking price was too high, and it's not clear whether the Big Unit would waive his no-trade clause to go anywhere else.

New Arizona chief executive officer Jeff Moorad said the talks were over and would not resume unless "they choose to re-engage."

Cashman, in turn, said it was up to the Diamondbacks to call him.

Arizona, responsible for large amounts of deferred payments in past contracts and coming off an 111-loss season, was thought to be on a tight budget. But the Diamondbacks agreed Thursday to a \$45 million, four-year deal with third baseman Troy Glaus, the 2002 World Series MVP with Anaheim. Then came the deal for Ortiz, a right-hander who went 15-5 with a 4.13 ERA for Atlanta but won just twice in his last 10 regular-season starts.

While the Diamondbacks tied for the 10th-most losses in major league history last season, Ortiz expected a quick turnaround.

"Winning's important. I wanted to be a part of what they're trying to accomplish," Ortiz said.

By adding the 39-year-old Finley, the Angels can move Garret Anderson to left field, where he played in 2002.

"They, I'm still in Los Angeles, right? Just wearing a different color," Finley said.

Finley, who turned down a \$17 million, three-year offer from the Giants, was a key factor as the Dodgers advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 1996. He hit .263 with 13 homers and 46 RBIs in 58 games after the July 31 trade, finishing at .271 overall with 36 homers and 94 RBIs.

"Once we took a look at it, we said, 'This is a natural,'" Angels General Manager Bill Stone said.

## Houston's Clemens agrees to arbitration

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Roger Clemens accepted the Astros' offer of salary arbitration Saturday, meaning he will either play for Houston next season or retire.

Clemens said last week that he was leaning toward retirement.

His agent, Randy Hendricks, said the

seven-time Cy Young Award winner probably will make his decision between Jan. 5-20.

If Clemens decides to play in 2005, the pitcher and the Astros either will agree to a contract or his salary will be determined by an arbitrator.

"It certainly makes a statement as to what how Roger feels about the Houston Astros," new General Manager Tim Lincecum said.

By accepting the arbitration offer, the 32-year-old right-hander is no longer a free agent and is considered a signed player on the Astros' roster under baseball rules. He had a \$5 million base salary and earned a total of \$6,825,000 last season, including bonuses.

Clemens went 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts, and his salary likely would be at least double next year if he plays.

## Indians trade Of Lawton to Pirates for reliever Rhodes

CLEVELAND — Reliever Arthur Rhodes was traded for the second time in two weeks Saturday, sent from the Pittsburgh Pirates to the Cleveland Indians for outfielder Matt Lawton in the first trade of the winter meetings.

Rhodes, a 35-year-old left-hander, was acquired by Pittsburgh from Oakland on Nov. 27 in the trade that sent catcher Jason Kendall to the Athletics. Rhodes lost his closer's job last season while going 3-3 with a 5.12 ERA for the A's. He will become Bob Wickman's setup man in Cleveland. Lawton, who made \$7.25 million in 2004 and will make the same amount next season, batted .270 with 20 homers and 70 RBIs in 150 games last season.

## Stadium tells Marlins to find new home after 2010

MIAMI — The Florida Marlins will not be allowed to play in their stadium after the 2010 season, the latest factor in the team's prolonged struggle to get a new ballpark.

Pro Player Stadium President Bruce Schulz said 2010 is the last of a series of one-year lease options for the Marlins, who share the complex with the Miami Dolphins. He said dropping the Marlins would let the stadium pursue such events as cricket and soccer.

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## Woods, Montgomerie set pace in Target Challenge

The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Tiger Woods and Colin Montgomerie established themselves as the front-runners, shooting Sunday 66 in Friday's second round of the Target World Challenge.

Montgomerie birdied four of his first seven holes, then had to scramble for a bogey on the 18th hole to salvage a share of the lead at Sherwood Country Club. Woods made five birdies in a six-hole stretch in the middle of his round, disappointed in making only one birdie on the par 5s. They were at 9-under 133 and

were two shots clear of Jim Furyk (68) and Jay Haas (66).

**UC Santa Barbara, Indiana to vie for Men's College Cup CARSON, Calif.** Drew McArthur scored two goals to lead UC Santa Barbara to a 5-0 rout of Duke in the semifinals of the NCAA Men's College Cup on Friday night.

Indiana won the other semifinal when John Michael Hayden scored with 48 seconds left in second overtime to give the second-seeded Hoosiers a 3-2 victory over third-seeded Maryland.

The ninth-seeded Gauchos (21-2-1) and Indiana (18-4-1) will meet for the NCAA championship Sunday.

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# Ga. Tech too much for AFA to handle

By PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Luke Schenscher scored 15 points and No. 3 Georgia Tech overcame Air Force's deliberate pace for a 64-42 victory Saturday.

The Yellow Jackets (6-0), who try to run at every opportunity, were forced into a game that was totally out of character. They attempted a season-low 40 shots and failed to make a three-point shot for the first time since 1987.

But Georgia Tech still managed to dominate, leading 32-12 at halftime and holding the Falcons (6-3) to just under 28 percent accuracy (15-for-54) from the field.

The 7-foot-1 Schenscher towered over everyone, taking full advantage of the mismatch. He made six of nine shots, had three blocks and grabbed eight rebounds, leading the Yellow Jackets to a commanding 35-22 edge on the boards.

Georgia Tech was averaging more than 63 shots per game. Air Force stretched out the shot clock on nearly every possession with its Princeton-style offense, but that merely kept the score from getting totally out of hand.

The Yellow Jackets were held to their second-fewest points of the season and nearly 16 below their average.

Georgia Tech attempted only two three-pointers. The streak of 546 games with a three-pointer was third-longest in the NCAA, trailing only the current streaks of UNLV (574) and Vanderbilt (573).

Air Force was hopelessly over-matched in size and quickness, especially so at center, where Schenscher held a 5-inch, 40-pound advantage over Nick Welch, who still managed to lead the Falcons with 16 points.



Georgia Tech's B.J. Elder drives to the basket past Air Force's Antoine Hood during the first half of Saturday's game. No. 3 Georgia Tech beat the Falcons 64-42.

Welch didn't get much help. No other Air Force player scored more than six.

Tech's Anthony McHenry had four blocks, including one that he swatted into the stands on Matt McCraw's drive to the hoop.

Air Force's Tim Keller, a 6-3 guard who did most of his shooting from beyond the arc, tried to get inside a couple of times — with dismal results. Schenscher stuffed one shot without even jumping, then Theodis Tarter also blocked Keller near the basket.

Overall, the Yellow Jackets had nine blocks.

The Yellow Jackets managed only 16 points off free breaks, but did get loose a few times. With just over 2 minutes remaining, Will Bynum drove for a thunderous, one-handed slam that seemed to release all the frustrations of playing Air Force's slow-down offense.

Georgia Tech committed five turnovers in seven possessions early in the second half, allowing the Falcons to get within 41-28. That was as close as Air Force got.

Other than a one-point win at Illinois-Chicago, Georgia Tech has won its other five games by an average of nearly 31 points. B.J. Elder, with 11 points, was the Yellow Jackets, was the only other player in double figures.

# Cats win border skirmish

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Patrick Sparks scored 16 points and No. 10 Kentucky dominated inside in a 73-58 victory over Indiana on Saturday.

Chuck Hayes added 14 points and nine rebounds for Kentucky (6-1), which has won five straight and 12 of the past 14 in its annual series against the Hoosiers (2-4).

The Hoosiers have lost four straight games, the third time in as many seasons they've had a losing streak of at least four games. The current streak has come against heavyweights — North Carolina, Connecticut, Notre Dame and Kentucky.

Junior guard Bracey Wright kept the Hoosiers in the game with seven three-pointers and 31 points.

The Hoosiers' first four baskets of the second half were three-pointers, three by Wright, as Indiana pulled within 42-37 with 11:40 left.

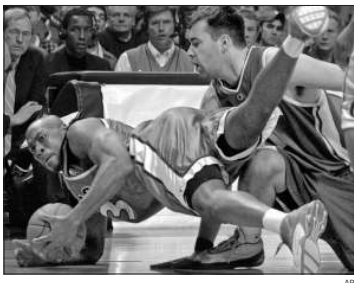
Sparked by Keleena Azubuike, Kentucky scored the next 11 points. Azubuike hit a three-pointer to start the run, then capped it with a driving layup, a steal and an assist to Rajon Rondo, whose dunk put the Wildcats ahead 53-37 with 9:16 left.

**No. 1 Illinois 83, Oregon 66:** At Chicago, Luther Head had 23 points on 8-of-10 shooting and all five starters reached double figures for Illinois (9-0).

Deron Williams added 17 points and seven assists, Dee Brown had 13 points and James Augustine had 10 points and eight rebounds. Roger Powell Jr. finished with 12 points despite spending most of the first half on the bench with foul trouble.

Bryce Taylor had 19 for Oregon (4-1).

This is the third time Illinois has been ranked No. 1, but it's never been able to stay on top for more than a week. The Illini, though, won their three games this week, and in convincing fashion.



Illinois' Roger Powell Jr., left, beats Oregon's Ian Crosswhite to a loose ball during Saturday's game in Chicago. Top-ranked Illinois won 83-66.

**No. 11 Pitt 84, Penn State 71:** At State College, Pa., Carl Krauser scored 28 points to help Pitt (7-0) hold off scrappy Penn State (5-4). Chevon Troutman and Antonio Graves scored 18 points each for Pitt, which needed a Krauser-led 8-1 run to open a 60-47 lead after Penn State had cut it to 52-46.

**No. 12 N.C. State 94, Liberty 60:** At Raleigh, N.C., Julius Hodge had 27 points, nine assists and nine rebounds as the Wolfpack (7-0) cruised.

Freshman Andrew Brackman had 13 points for N.C. State, which has its best record in coach Herb Sendek's nine years.

**No. 13 Louisville 74, Florida 70:** At Gainesville, Fla., Taquan Dean scored 22 points and Francisco Garcia added 19 as coach Rick Pitino improved to 20-1 against former assistant coaches and players. He extended his record to 6-0 over Florida's Billy Donovan, who played for Pittino at Providence and was his assistant at Kentucky.

Dean and Garcia helped stake the Cardinals (5-1) to a 12-point lead in the second half before the Gators (5-2) came back.

**No. 15 Arizona 67, Utah 62:** At Tucson, Ariz., Channing Frye scored 19 points despite foul trouble and Hassan Adams slammed home a rebound with 40 seconds to play to help Arizona (6-2) escape Utah (5-3).

It was the 1,000th win for Luke Olson in 47 years as a head coach at the high school, junior college and major college level.

**No. 20 Michigan St. 78, Stanford 53:** At Auburn Hills, Mich., Paul Davis scored 20 points and keyed an 18-4 first-half surge that carried Michigan State (5-2) past Stanford (2-4). Davis started the spurt with a low-post move for a basket, then added a jumper and three-point play.

In Friday's games:

**No. 5 Oklahoma St. 86, UAB 73:** At Stillwater, Okla., Joey Graham led Oklahoma State (7-0) with 20 points and John Lucas III had 18, nine during a 14-0 run early in the second half to help the Cowboys expand a six-point lead to a 60-40.

**No. 17 Iowa 70, Iowa St. 63:** At Iowa City, Iowa, Adam Haluska scored 20 points and Pierre Pierce added 15 points for the Hawkeyes (8-1), who held on after Iowa State (4-2) had closed to 61-60 with 2:06 left.

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# Progress: NFL's system working for minorities

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Things seem to be working so well, in fact, that New England defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel, a fairly hot candidate, implied recently if he doesn't get a head coaching job, his age (57) might be a bigger factor than his race.

"You have to institutionalize it to get it to work and I think the commissioner has recognized that for a long time," says Richard Lapchick, a longtime civil rights advocate now with the Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sports at the University of Central Florida.

"The NCAA is trying, but there are a lot more colleges and it certainly has a long way to go. What's happened in the last week certainly isn't encouraging."

The NFL's push goes back to 1987, when it became obvious there had to be more blacks in supervisory positions in a league in which more than two-thirds of the players are minorities. That's when the NFL began a minority intern coaching program, bringing young black college coaches into training camps for six weeks of learning.

It put blacks into the pipeline and turned what was an almost all-white "old boy" network into an equal-opportunity network.

Smith, Edwards and Lewis all started there and so did UCLA coach Karl Dorrell, one of the two blacks still coaching Division I-A teams, Mississippi State's Sylvester Croom is the other.

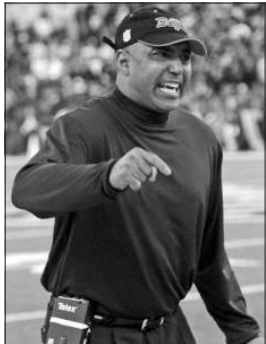
When Dungy got his first head coaching job at Tampa Bay in 1996, he was looking for a linebackers coach. He considered several without regard to race and settled on Smith, who was an assistant at Ohio State.

"I wanted a teacher, and I asked our college scouts who they thought would fit," he says. "After watching some videos of Loy's players at Tennessee and Ohio State, I decided that's what I was looking for."

After five years with the Bucs, Smith moved up to defensive coordinator of the Rams. He did well there and became one of the prime candidates for a top spot after last season.

He got several interviews and landed with the Bears, the perfect example of a talented coach moving up the ladder on merit.

The interview system is another way the NFL has changed.



Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis benefited from a policy instituted two years ago that required all NFL teams with vacancies to interview one minority candidate.

When the late George Young ran the league's football operations department, he began videotaping interviews with assistant coaches, mostly minorities but some whites. The tapes are circulated among the 32 teams, allowing them to put together a file for future hirings.

Tagliabue set the example in the NFL office. Harold Henderson, the league's senior vice president for labor relations, is black and so are a number of other high-ranking officials: Larry Upton, the director of officiating operations; Shell, who now holds Young's job; Gene Washington, the league's disciplinarian; and Mike Haynes, vice president of player development.

One of the problems in college is that there is less central authority.

Myles Brand, the NCAA president, urged colleges last week to give more consideration to minorities for coaching vacancies. And colleges have begun an internship program based on the NFL's.

But the NCAA has little power over the hiring decisions of 117 schools and no enforcement power. Tagliabue has it.

It has taken time, from 1987 to 2004. But with a little push from outside, it now seems to be working in the NFL.

# Hobbled RB Holmes vows to return in '05

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Despite a knee injury that ended his season, Priest Holmes says he is "definitely 100 percent" planning to be back for 2005.

"In terms of next year, I'm excited because of the fact that it gives me an opportunity to heal up and start preparing for the 2005 season," Kansas City's star running back said Friday, a day after the Chiefs put him on injured reserve.

"There are a lot of things we need to do. We left a lot of things on the table this year," Holmes said. "We're still playing, we're still in it in terms of winning some games and making sure we end the season the right way. But the 2005 season is going to be exciting because we know that there's a valuable lesson that we learned this year — and that is that when you start having guys go down, it makes it really difficult to win ballgames."

Holmes, 31, was leading the NFL in rushing and scoring when he strained ligaments in his right knee at Tampa Bay on Nov. 7.

At first he thought he would be able to get back this year. But healing was slow, and since the Chiefs (4-8) are out of the playoff hunt, it was decided to shut him down for the rest of the season.

"The injury just gave me an opportunity to rest up and to get the body 100 percent," he said.

This is the third time injury has cut a season short for Holmes, who set an NFL record in 2003 with 27 touchdowns.

A knee injury his senior year in college forced him to come into the NFL as an undrafted free agent. He underwent hip surgery following the 2002 season and spoke of retirement after his big

## NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis:  
**Giants** G Chris Snide (knee/ankle infection) will not play Sunday.  
**Titans** CB Steve McNair (bruised sternum) questionable for Monday night's game against Kansas City.

year in 2003.

But Friday, Holmes said his love for the game had not changed.

"The football has never left me. It never will, and I don't think there's any way that it could," he said. "It's a gift and something that I can't even control. I'd have to say that it's not necessarily something you have to train for it's just a God-given talent."

## Redskins' Portis, Taylor fined for wearing red socks

ASHBURN, Va. — That was an expensive pair of red socks Clinton Portis wore last week. They're costing him \$5,000.

The NFL fined the Washington Redskins running back Friday for violating the league's uniform rules. Portis wore red socks instead of the team's usual white in last Sunday's 31-7 victory over the New York Giants.

Portis had one of his best games in the different attire, running for 148 yards and carrying two first downs. He predicted he would be fined, but he said he had to make the change because, in his words, "If you're not looking sweet, you're not playing."

Rookie safety Sen Taylor, Portis' ex-Miami Hurricane star, and fellow wide receiver Santana Moss were fined \$5,000. Taylor was fined an additional \$7,500 for unnecessary roughness on a roughing-the-passer penalty in the fourth quarter.

## Bills CB Vincent Brown

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Bills cornerback Troy Vincent could play for the first time in more than two months Sunday against Cleveland.

Vincent tore cartilage in his right knee in the third game of the season. He had surgery and missed nine games.

He practiced this week, and coach Mike Mularkey sounded optimistic about the possibility of him playing against the Browns.

"He's had a really good week of work," Mularkey said Friday after practice.

If Vincent is activated, he more than likely won't start.

Backup Terrence McGee has filled in well, making interceptions the past two games. Overall, McGee has three interceptions and two sacks, and has returned a team-record three kickoffs for touchdowns this season.

Vincent, a major free agent acquisition during the offseason, had missed just 16 of a possible 192 games in his career before this season.

Right tackle Mike Williams practiced Friday in a limited capacity for the first time this week after a knee injury last week against Miami. Mularkey said it will be a game-time decision whether Williams starts Sunday. Marcus Pierce would replace Williams if he is unable to play.

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# Haywood makes up for late misses vs. Knicks

BY JOSEPH WHITE  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With 55 seconds remaining, Brendan Haywood missed two free throws that would have put the Washington Wizards in the lead. The second one was an ugly short-arm that had no chance of going in. "I was mad," teammate Gilbert Arenas said. "But I couldn't show him I was mad."

Haywood turned mad to glad in a hurry. He grabbed a rebound and converted a three-point play with 7.1 seconds left Friday night, giving Washington a 106-104 victory over the New York Knicks.

"A big play," Arenas said. "I told him I was going to give him \$10,000 in gift certificates." "Knowing Gilbert," responded Haywood, the team's runaway miser, "he'll give me \$10,000 in gift certificates to Victoria's Secret. That's the type of guy he is."

Haywood's heroics came on his team's 27th offensive rebound, tied for the most in an NBA game this season. Antawn Jamison had 25 points and 13 rebounds for the Wizards, who have won five of six.

Arenas had 20 points and seven assists. All three Washington players reached double figures early in the third quarter during an entertaining game of fast breaks, dunks and flashy moves.

Haywood finished with 17 points and 14 re-

bounds, but nearly pulled another fourth-quarter disappearing act. He was scoreless in the second half before his game-winning three-point play.

"Missing those free throws really hurt. ... You have to keep your mind clear, because you never know how it's going to come back," Haywood said. "Tonight it just came back on me, and I was able to make the play. I've been saying for a whole year: I want to play in the fourth, so I might as well do something when I'm in there."

The Knicks were more upset over another play by Haywood. The Wizards center blocked Stephen Marbury's short jumper as the ball was on the way down with 41 seconds left. The official ruled that the ball was going to fall short of the rim, so no goaltending was called.

"Yeah, he did goaldent it," Marbury said. "The ball was up in the air going down. They didn't call it. There's nothing you can do about it. It's not like we're playing CVO and you can protest the game. You've just got to live with it."

After Haywood's three-point play, New York had two final chances to tie, but Nazr Mohammed missed a fouled shot in traffic and Kurt Thomas failed to put in the rebound as time expired.

"I got a good look at it and missed the shot," Mohammed said. "Besides an open layup, you



Washington Wizards' Brendan Haywood (33) tries to stop New York Knicks' Stephen Marbury (3) during the first quarter on Friday.

can't ask for a better shot. I got a wide open shot within a foot in the paint."

Mohammed finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Marbury had 18 points and seven assists. The Knicks have lost four of five and has fallen below .500, although they remain in first place in the Atlantic Division.

"They had 27 offensive rebounds, that's sickening," Mohammed said. "As far as being the big man on this team, I hate when we give up one offensive rebound."

Allan Houston, playing his first game of the season after recovering from a knee injury, scored eight points in 19 minutes.

# Raptors put Carter on injured list

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Vince Carter of the Toronto Raptors was placed on the injured list with a strained left Achilles' tendon Friday and will miss at least five games.

Carter was hurt in the first minute of the second half in Toronto's 90-86 overtime loss at Detroit on Wednesday.

"It's just something that's been bothering me for three years," Carter said. "I want to let it settle down and get better instead of having it nag me."

Carter was driving along the baseline Wednesday, before pulling up and then falling to the floor. He was helped to the locker room and didn't return, then limped to the team bus after the game.

A prolonged injury could hurt the Raptors' chances of trading the five-time All-Star. Carter has asked to be dealt, and the Raptors have held trade discussions with a number of teams in recent weeks.

Carter said he doesn't want to risk a serious injury by continuing to play.

## Robinson might miss season

CHICAGO — Glenn Robinson may sit out the entire season because of an ankle injury, Philadelphia 76ers coach Jim O'Brien said Friday.

Robinson, earning more than \$12 million in the final year of his contract, has been on the injured list all season with left ankle tendinitis in a sore elbow.

"I don't anticipate seeing him at all," O'Brien said. "He said he is incapable of playing. My understanding is that his ankles are incapable of carrying him on the court."

Earlier this season, Robinson was upset that Philadelphia didn't trade him. He averaged 16.6 points in his first season in Philadelphia last year, down from his career average of 20.8.

## Wizards coach: 'Immaturity' led to Brown's suspension

WASHINGTON — Kwame Brown's boycott of a team huddle during a game was an example of immaturity that will not be tolerated, according to Washington Wizards coach Eddie Jordan.

Jordan on Friday discussed his decision to suspend Brown for the evening's game against the New York Knicks. The suspension was announced Thursday, one day after Brown walked away from a huddle during a home loss to Denver.

"It was detrimental to the team's success," Jordan said. "We've had some success. We've had a lot of maturity from the time of the end of the last season through the summer to present time, and we're not tolerating immaturity. We're not tolerating any type of poor conduct or behavior. We'll all on the same page."

# Kidd spoils Scott's return to New Jersey

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — With the game on the line, Jason Kidd didn't hesitate to push his surgically-repaired knee to the limit.

Kidd hit a go-head basket early in overtime, and the Nets defeated former coach Byron Scott's win in his return to New Jersey with a 94-91 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Friday night.

"Coach asked me and I told him I wanted to continue to keep playing," Kidd said after contributing eight points and eight assists in a season-high 28 minutes. "I felt great. We'll see how I feel tomorrow."

Nets coach Lawrence Frank struggled with letting Kidd continue the extra five minutes in only his third game since returning from knee surgery in July.

"I went to our coaches and said: 'I think I have to take him out,'" Frank said. "I looked at him and I went with it. I just pray he's OK."

Kidd had a basket, an assist and two rebounds in overtime.

His biggest play came with 3:26 to go when he backed David Wesley down and hit a 10-footer for a 90-88 lead.

Neither team scored again until Eric Williams hit a layup with 1:31 to go.

George Lynch cut the lead to a point on a three-pointer with 1:11 to play, but Tracy McGrady hit two free throws with 49 seconds to go, Jason Collins blocked a layup attempt by Matt Freije with 25.9 seconds left and Freije also



missed two free throws with a second to go.

As the teams walked off the floor, Scott pointed to Frank in acknowledgment. Kidd had acknowledged Scott with a point before the game.

"He just wanted you guys to know there is no rift," said Scott, who was fired in January amid rumors that he and Kidd were at odds. "Anything you guys are trying to make it out to be, it's not. ... We've never had a problem and I don't know how many times I have to say that."

In his 3½ years in New Jersey, Scott led the Nets to two NBA Finals appearances. He was fired in late January and replaced by Frank, who then won his first 13 games.

**Nuggets 101, Raptors 87:** At Toronto, Carmelo Anthony had 28 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, and Nene had a season-high 21 points.

Kenyon Martin added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Nuggets, who have won four straight.

**Heat 92, Grizzlies 84:** At Miami, Dwyane Wade narrowly missed a triple-double and Shaquille O'Neal scored 11 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter.

O'Neal made four of his five shot attempts and added two assists in the final 12 minutes, a

stark difference from the middle two quarters when the Grizzlies held him scoreless and he missed the only three shots he tried.

Wade had 26 points, nine assists and nine rebounds — coming up just short in a bid for what would have been the fifth triple-double in Heat history and just the second in the last 10 seasons. He and O'Neal combined for 19 of Miami's 23 fourth-quarter points.

**Hawks 86, Pistons 72:** Rookie Josh Smith replaced Kenny Anderson at point guard and had career highs of 12 points and four blocks in his first NBA start.

The visiting Hawks, who led by as many as 29, won for just the second time in 12 games and held Detroit to a franchise record for fewest points in a home game.

**Timberwolves 113, Kings 105:** Kevin Garnett scored a season-high 35 points with 18 rebounds and nine assists.

Playing before their largest home crowd of the season, the Wolves trailed for most of the first three quarters before using a 18-3 burst in the fourth to turn a four-point deficit into a 109-98 lead with 2:57 remaining.

**76ers 93, Bulls 88:** Allen Iverson had 25 points and 10 assists, and Samuel Dalembert had 13 points, 14 rebounds and six blocked shots in his first start of the season for the 76ers, who ended an eight-game road losing streak despite scoring just two points in the final 4:46.

The Bulls scored 10 unanswered points to get within 188 on Los Angeles' two free throws.

**Bucks 95, Pacers 86:** At Milwaukee, Michael Redd scored 21 points and Mike James added 16 to hand the Pacers their sixth straight loss.

The victory, Milwaukee's second over Indiana in four days, helped the Bucks (6-11) avoid their worst starting record in a decade, a 5-12 mark to begin the 1994-95 season.

**Magic 113, Warriors 109:** At Oakland, Calif., Steve Francis scored a season-high 36 points and also finished with eight rebounds and eight assists in Orlando's fifth win in six games.

Francis shot 11-for-26 and made all 14 of his free throws, carrying the load as Grant Hill sat out with a badly bruised right shin.

**Jazz 92, Trail Blazers 87:** Matt Harpring scored 17 points, including six in overtime, as host Utah snapped a six-game losing skid and avoided its first seven-game skid since 1981-82.

Attempting to tie the game in the final minute of overtime, Zach Randolph missed in the lane and Mehmet Okur stripped Shaheed Akbar-Rahim after he grabbed the offensive rebound. Carlos Arroyo made one free throw and Harpring hit two to clinch the win in late 18 seconds.

Carlos Boozer scored 17, Okur had 14 and Kirk Snyder recorded a career-high 13 points for the Jazz, who had lost three in a row at home and 10 of 12 overall.

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## Systemic progress in the NFL



Photos from AP, KRT

Cincinnati Bengals coach Marvin Lewis, far left, St. Louis Rams' Lovie Smith, middle, and the New York Jets' Herman Edwards, right, have been hired in the past three years as coaching opportunities for minorities in the NFL have expanded. The Arizona Cardinals' Dennis Green, above right, was one of the league's first black head coaches, hired by the Minnesota Vikings in 1992. There are now six black head coaches in the NFL.

## More opportunites in pros than college for minorities

BY DAVE GOLDBERG  
The Associated Press

During an eight-day period in which three of the five black coaches in major college football either resigned or were fired, the NFL added a sixth black coach, albeit an interim one: Terry Robiskie took over in Cleveland when Butch Davis stepped down.

Temporary or not, the moves last week were symbolic of the difference in minority hiring between the NFL and college football.

After years of struggling, the pros seem to have a system in place that allocates jobs on merit. Colleges seem stuck where the NFL was for decades, handing out head coaching jobs based on reputation in a network that seems almost exclusively white.

"I know there's a lot of pressure in college ball to get big names, to get guys who are known," says Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy, the front man for equal opportunity in the NFL for a decade.

"But there are so many good coaches out there that you can choose from, they have to be able to pull the trigger on minorities."

That's what the NFL seems to have figured out — with help from both inside and outside.



AP photos

Of 117 Division I-A college football teams, Mississippi State's Sylvester Croom, left, and UCLA's Karl Dorrell, right, are the only black head coaches. Three black college coaches either resigned or were fired in the past month.

Fritz Pollard was the NFL's first black coach, a player-coach in the early 1920s. But there wasn't another until Art Shell took over the Oakland Raiders in 1989.

And just two years ago, Dungy and the New York Jets' Herman Edwards were the NFL's only black head coaches. That's when a Washington lawyer named Cyrus Mehri, who had successfully and without much publicity inte-

grated a number of major corporations, held a news conference with lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr. They implied that unless the NFL took steps to add more minority head coaches, there might be a lawsuit in the future.

Mehri and Cochran were only saying publicly what commissioner Paul Tagliabue and some powerful NFL people had been urging privately.

Tagliabue used their "threat" to appoint a committee headed by Pittsburgh owner Dan Rooney and stacked with like-minded owners and executives. It recommended — and Tagliabue enacted — a policy that required all teams with coaching vacancies to interview at least one minority candidate.

Marvin Lewis was hired by the Cincinnati Bengals after that season.

This year, the Chicago Bears hired Lovie Smith. Dennis Green, who spent 10 seasons coaching the Minnesota Vikings, returned to the league with the Arizona Cardinals. Add in Robiskie and 13 black coordinators, some considered prime candidates for future openings. Plus, most teams have several minority position coaches.

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